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Border agents preparing for caravan with combat gear

BY ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

From head to toe, he is ready for war.

The M4 semiautomatic rifle in his hands is tipped with a suppressor favored by special operations units to muffle gunshots during clandestine missions.

Just above that is a PEQ-15 sight, which projects an infrared beam visible with night-vision goggles so the shooter can fire at night or point out targets for comrades and helicopters above. A tactical flashlight and holographic sight round out the rifle. Magazines are at his hip for quick reloading during a firefight.

A mask obscures his face, and he wears a noise-canceling tactical headset that would look natural for scouting an Afghan valley for Taliban insurgents.

Photos taken Monday of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents training weeks before a potential arrival of a caravan of Central Americans reveal a southern border already militarized—even before the arrival of thousands of active-duty soldiers.

There are no indications that the mostly Honduran migrants, many of them women and children, pose a threat that would necessitate long- and short-range tactical engagements. Nonetheless, CBP agents have drilled with armored vehicles, riot gear, helicopters and more, photos from the border have shown.

The preparations come amid questions about how much force active-duty soldiers and agents along the border can and should use.

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■ Migrants camp in Mexico City as Americans vote

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R Rob Whitmore
not pictured



I lost [eight] pounds in three days at Camp Rogers, but they're such a great weight loss service that they kicked me out because I hadn't lost enough weight in that time.



Cheeky comments

Looking for a five-star 'weight loss service'?
Google users suggest Army Ranger School

BY CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

The Army's Camp Rogers, home of the first week of Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., is listed as a weight-loss service on Google Maps, and so far the reviews give it five stars.

"I successfully lost 40 (pounds) during my stay," wrote a Google user named Garrison Turner in the latest of five five-star reviews. "The knowledgeable staff and motivated partici-

U.S. Army Ranger
1st Lt. Jeremy
Dettmer, assigned
to the 75th Ranger
Regiment, low crawls
during the Best
Ranger Competition
at Fort Benning, Ga.,
on April 12.

TAMAR BRASWELL
Courtesy of the U.S. Army

pants make this a premiere facility to drop any unwanted pounds."

Students arrive at Camp Rogers and undergo a weeklong assessment filled with grueling physical challenges and skills tests but little sleep and few meals. Those who graduate the 62-day course, one of the Army's toughest, have been known to lose dozens of pounds.

About two-thirds of the school's students failed

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MILITARY

2 Reagan sailors face drug charges

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Two USS Ronald Reagan sailors are facing charges that include the possession and distribution of a controlled substance, according to a Navy official and criminal charge sheets filed Aug. 30.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Miller, a machinist's mate, is accused of using, possessing and distributing LSD from January to February, according to his charge sheet.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Gevero, an electrician's mate, is accused of distributing LSD and possessing anabolic steroids in February, his charge sheet stated.

In addition to the pair, who are

now facing courts-martial, at least three other sailors attached to the aircraft carrier could be charged with using an illegal drug, according to a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes on Monday by Navy Lt. Joseph Keiley, a 7th Fleet spokesman.

"Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigations are complete regarding U.S. sailors involved in drug distribution," he said. "Two cases are pending special courts-martial, two cases are pending Article 32 preliminary hearings and one case went to an Article 32 hearing."

Trial dates have not been set.

The cases pending Article 32 hearings involve a seaman apprentice and a petty officer second class charged with wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance.

The other unidentified sailor attended an Article 32 hearing in September for wrongful use and



KENNETH ABRAHE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Two sailors stationed aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, homeported at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, are facing charges related to possession and distribution of illegal drugs.

possession of a controlled substance and is awaiting further legal proceedings.

The Navy began investigating the possibility of a drug ring aboard the Ronald Reagan on Feb. 6 when it received a tip about a sailor using LSD, according to a

Wall Street Journal article published Feb. 9.

Japanese authorities were also involved in the investigation when suspicions that the drugs were being sold to Japanese citizens surfaced. They dropped the case in June.

"The U.S. Navy takes allegations of misconduct very seriously. All accused sailors are presumed innocent until proven guilty," Keiley said.

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Correction

The Pentagon determined active-duty troops would be sent to support Customs and Border Protection agents guarding the U.S.-Mexico border against a migrant caravan. In a story in Tuesday's edition of Stars and Stripes describing the training that troops sent to the border were undergoing, a Defense Department spokesman had originally said the Department of Homeland Security Department had requested the use of active-duty troops.

Papa Roach, Phillip Phillips headline concerts at overseas bases

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Rock band Papa Roach and former "American Idol" star Phillip Phillips will be traveling to overseas bases for free concerts in the coming weeks.

Armed Forces Entertainment announced its 2018 Jingle Bell Rock Tour on Monday, with Papa Roach slated to perform at U.S.

military bases in Asia and Phillips to perform at bases in Europe from Nov. 27 to Dec. 15.

Phillips — winner of the 11th season of "American Idol" in 2012 — kicks off the concert series in Britain at RAF Mildenhall and Alconbury on Nov. 27 and 28, respectively. The schedule for the rest of his performances are: Naples, Italy, Nov. 30; Rota, Spain,

Dec. 1; and in Germany at Grafenwoehr on Dec. 4, Spangdahlem on Dec. 7, Wiesbaden on Dec. 8 and Ramstein on Dec. 9.

Papa Roach's first show is Dec. 7 at Misawa Air Base, Japan. The band then heads to Yokota outside Tokyo on Dec. 8, followed by concerts on Dec. 10 at Atsugi and Dec. 11 at Yokosuka. The last three shows are in Korea, at Kunsan on Dec. 13, Osan on Dec. 14 and

Camp Humphreys on Dec. 15.

Concert times and venues have yet to be announced.

Military personnel will get to meet and greet the artists before or after each performance.

For information about the holiday concert series, go to: www.armedforcesentertainment.com/upcoming-events.

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PACIFIC

N. Korea talks may affect US military posture

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States will have to change its military posture on the Korean Peninsula if nuclear talks with North Korea advance, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

The comments came as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo confirmed he plans to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's right hand man Thursday in New York in a bid to jump-start efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

The U.S.-led United Nations Command also held another round of military talks with North and South Korea on Tuesday in the truce village of Panmunjom, which sits in the heavily fortified border that bisects the peninsula.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the military remains ready to respond to any threats from North Korea but stressed its main role is to support the diplomatic process that began earlier this year.

"Frankly, the more successful we are in the diplomatic track, the more uncomfortable we will be in the military space," he said Monday during a question-and-answer session at Duke University.

"Because over time this negotiation will take a form where we're going to have to start making some changes to the military posture on the peninsula," he added. "And we're prepared to do that in support of Secretary Pompeo and make sure that we get to the desired end state, which is a peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

Dunford didn't elaborate. The U.S. already has suspended large-scale joint war games with the South to avoid provoking Pyongyang while talks are ongoing.

But the longtime allies, which fought together in the 1950-53 Korean War against the communist-backed North, have insisted that the presence of some 28,500 U.S. troops in the South is not up for negotiation.

President Donald Trump and Kim agreed to work toward the "complete denucleariza-

tion of the Korean Peninsula" during their June 12 summit in Singapore.

But the U.S. administration has said it will maintain sanctions and other pressure on the North until it agrees to concrete measures toward that end.

Pyeonggang, meanwhile, has called for measures such as lifting sanctions or declaring a formal end to the war to reciprocate for steps it already has taken such as ceasing missile and nuclear tests.

Pompeo and the main U.S. envoy for North Korea, Stephen Bigun, will discuss with North Korean envoy Kim Yong Chol measures to achieve "the final, fully verified denuclearization" of the communist state, according to the State Department.

North Korea raised concern over the week-end when it warned it may resume nuclear development if the U.S. maintains punishing economic sanctions against it.

The Foreign Ministry statement, published on state-run media, stopped short of threatening to abandon talks with Washington.

Dunford pointed to progress as tensions have eased since the diplomatic process began earlier this year leading to the unprecedented U.S.-North Korea summit.

Trump has said he expects to hold another meeting with Kim early next year.

The North has not conducted a missile test since it fired an intercontinental ballistic missile toward Japan in late November. It also says it has destroyed its main nuclear testing site after conducting its sixth and most powerful underground blast in September 2017.

But skeptics have expressed doubt that Kim will be willing to abandon his hard-won nuclear weapons.

"I don't expect we'll have an immediate solution diplomatically, if we've ceased the testing and the nuclear development," Dunford said. "What has not changed is the missile capability that North Korea possesses or the nuclear capability that North Korea possesses."

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Courtesy of South Korean Defense Ministry

A new guard post is seen on the North Korean side of the Joint Security Area.

Koreas prepare for joint guard duty

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SEOUL, South Korea — The two Koreas and the U.S.-led United Nations Command agreed Tuesday to draft rules for joint guard duty and unveiled new posts as they prepare to reopen the truce village of Panmunjom to the public.

Military officials from the three sides held a third round of talks in Panmunjom aimed at disarming the jointly patrolled area, which has been the only spot on the heavily fortified border where the adversaries come face to face.

North and South Korea already have removed guard posts and weapons following a mine-clearance operation.

The three sides "agreed to establish rules for joint guard duty for implementing order in the opposite parties' areas ... and to finalize them by exchanging documents as soon as possible," according to a press release from South Korea's Defense Ministry.

It also released photos of new guard posts on each side and said the officials

discussed ways to readjust their respective surveillance equipment.

The three sides also agreed to implement measures to ensure "the free comings and goings of tourists" when the steps are completed, the ministry said.

But it gave no date for resuming popular tours of the area, which were suspended late last month while authorities reconfigure the security arrangements in accordance with a bilateral military pact.

The military agreement, which was reached during a summit between the leaders of the two countries in September, calls for civilians to be allowed into the area with "freedom of movement" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The tours have been tightly controlled. Visitors were previously limited to specific areas and allowed to cross the so-called Military Demarcation Line only while inside a blue building that was the site of the signing of the 1953 armistice.

The armistice ended the three-year Korean War after the warring parties failed to reach a peace treaty.

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South Korean cadets tour ship in Japan

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SASABO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Future South Korean military officers checked out the USS Wasp and its homeport of Sasebo, Japan, on Tuesday during a tour organized by the Japan Self-Defense Forces.

The visit by 160 midshipmen and cadets from the Republic of Korea army, navy and air force comes just weeks after Japan pulled out of an international fleet review hosted by South Korea over a flag dispute.

The group learned about the Wasp's capabilities as they explored its flight deck and hangars. The 844-foot amphibious assault ship — which can carry Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II short takeoff/vertical landing stealth fighters — returned from deployment last week after providing humanitarian assistance to the Northern Mariana Islands as they recovered from damage wrought by last month's Typhoon

Mangkhut.

The South Korean cadets, who arrived on a pair of ROK Navy destroyers and a landing ship, will tour other vessels and facilities and meet the mayor of Sasebo this week, said Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force spokesman Cmdr. Masa Yokoyama.

The visit promotes "mutual understanding and deepening of defense interaction," he said.

Last month, Japan announced it would not send a warship to an international fleet review hosted by South Korea because it could not accept Seoul's request that it remove the Japanese navy's "rising sun" flag, an Associated Press report said.

Many South Koreans see the flag as a symbol of Japan's World War II aggression and protested its use during the Oct. 10-14 event near Jeju Island.

Rear Adm. Brad Crooper, commander of Task Force 76, said in an email that it's an honor to host the cadets.

"We ... look forward to serving



JAMES BOLINGER/Stars and Stripes

Midshipmen and cadets from South Korea's army, navy and air force academies visit the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, on Tuesday.

alongside the bright young men and women serving in the militaries of both nations for many years to come," he said.

The visit marks the 22nd by South Korean cadets to Japan in a little over a decade. Cadets toured Yokosuka Naval Base last

December, Yokoyama said.

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MILITARY

Air Force expands training course to focus on readiness

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Feedback from the field has inspired the Air Force to revamp basic training to focus on readiness, lethality, fitness and warrior ethos.

The changes, which took effect Sept. 4 but were announced Monday, expand Basic Military Training from 7½ weeks to 8½ weeks, according to a statement out of Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

Basic Expeditionary Airman Skill Training, or BEAST, Week — when trainees put all their combat knowledge into practice — moves from week five to become Basic Military Training's culminating event.

"Readiness is the central theme across the BMT curriculum as we deliver trained and committed airmen capable of delivering 21st century air power," 32nd Training Squadron commander Col. Jose Surita, who oversaw the revamped curriculum's development, said in the statement. "We need highly trained and ready airmen."

The changes to Basic Military Training's final week — once called Airmen's Week — are the latest in a series of improvements since the beginning of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The first

major change in 2008 increased the length of Air Force basic training from six to 8½ weeks.

The Air Force created Airmen's Week in 2015 to raise awareness of sexual misconduct in the wake of a 2013 sexual assault scandal at Lackland Air Force Base involving trainees and their instructors. It focused on character development and was held after trainees graduated Basic Military Training, which was scaled back to 7½ weeks.

The new Basic Military Training curriculum integrates skills once taught in Airmen's Week throughout the full 8½ weeks of training, the statement said.

Airmen must also attend a beefed-up Self-Aid/Buddy Care class called the Tactical Combat Casualty Course and will see their number of fitness sessions increase from 31 to 44 throughout training, the statement said. The sessions are a mix of cardio, strength and interval training.

"These changes sound good to me," said Staff Sgt. Karl Ahner, deputy dispersing officer with the 374th Comptroller Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan. "Obviously you want fit airmen. Also, I did my BMT in the winter and [physical training] was sometimes canceled because of the weather. If we'd had 44 [days] instead of 31, missing some wouldn't have been



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Air Force trainees stand in formation during a Basic Military Training coin ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Feb. 1.

Readiness is the central theme across the BMT curriculum as we deliver trained and committed airmen capable of delivering 21st century air power. ♫

Col. Jose Surita

326th Training Squadron commander

as bad."

Course designers also added a heritage program that introduces trainees to Air Force heroes and weaves heritage and warrior ethos, the statement said.

"We will be introducing warrior identity, as well as Air Force history and heroes, every week throughout training," Master Sgt. Richard Bomra, a military training instructor, said in the statement. "Those topics will then be

reinforced during all training events, such as naming physical training sessions after a fallen Airman to cement the experience."

Future changes to how heritage and warrior ethos are ingrained into Basic Military Training will include naming obstacles on the "Creating Leaders, Airmen, Warriors," or CLAW, course after Air Force heroes, he added.

"The future of BMT focuses on creating disciplined, warrior air-

men who are ready to support our joint partners in conflicts around the globe," Col. Jason Corrothers, 737th Training Group and Basic Military Training commander, said in the statement. "These changes to refine the basic training experience are about increasing our readiness and lethality while simultaneously instilling airmanship and core values from the very beginning."

More than 37,314 airmen graduated from Basic Military Training in fiscal year 2017, according to the statement. The Air Force aims to increase that number to more than 40,200 graduates in fiscal year 2019.

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Japan to develop underwater drone to defend remote islands

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japan plans to develop a large underwater drone to monitor its remote islands as Tokyo continues to build up assets set to guard against Chinese incursion.

The unmanned submersible will be unveiled in a Ministry of Defense policy document that lays out the island nation's five-year plan from April 2019, Japan's Kyodo News reported Monday, citing a "government source." Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet is slated to approve the policy in mid-December.

Officials have been mum on when the drone's development will begin but an Iwakuni facility — where experiments to "detect sound waves" will take place in a large water tank — could be operational by fiscal year 2021, Kyodo reported. The submersible will be more than 32 feet long and "adaptable to various missions including surveillance."

A Defense Ministry spokeswoman confirmed a funding request for research and development for the project in the fiscal

year 2019 budget, which starts in April.

"The surrounding environment around Japan is pretty harsh, and our national security, it is most important to raise our surveillance ability, including the sea," ministry spokeswoman Aiko Asai told Stars and Stripes on Monday evening.

Japan has not decided "when, how and where" to utilize the underwater drone, Asai said. That decision will depend on the outcome of the project.

The underwater drones could be shared with multiple branches of the nation's Self-Defense Forces.

Japan's Mid-Term Defense Program — which also includes the drone plan — and the National Defense Program Guidelines are scheduled to be approved by the Cabinet on Dec. 18, Kyodo reported. The guidelines are expected to call for a broader strategy utilizing "unmanned equipment."

The Self-Defense Forces are suffering from a "chronic shortage" of personnel, which may explain the move, Kyodo said.

News of the underwater drone came a week after the Defense Ministry said it was considering developing supersonic glide bombs that

can be launched from nearby islands to deter attacks in the region. Those projectiles are said to be less likely to be intercepted by anti-aircraft artillery and could be put into service by March 2026.

The resource-rich Senkakus, in the East China Sea, have long been a point of contention between the two neighbors, who boast the world's second- and third-largest economies. The uninhabited island chain between Okinawa and Taiwan is claimed by Japan, Taiwan and China, which refers to the islands as Diaoyu.

The United States has long declined to take a position on the islands' sovereignty; however, Presidents Barack Obama and

Donald Trump have both declared the Senkakus will be protected under the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

The East China Sea has been the scene of countless disputes in the air and at sea in recent years, with Chinese ships, submarines and aircraft buzzing Japan's contiguous zone just outside its territorial waters. The incidents often lead to protests from Japanese diplomats that have been ineffectual in stopping the intrusions.

Maritime confrontations and jet interceptions between China and Japan have become commonplace in recent years, especially around the Senkakus. Five submarines have been spotted entering Ja-

pan's contiguous zone since 2013, Defense Ministry officials said earlier this year. A Chinese frigate was last seen in the contiguous zone in June 2016.

The Japan Coast Guard said Chinese ships entered Japanese waters 114 times last year.

In response, Japan and its allies in Washington are reportedly drafting an "operations plan" for a combined response should China threaten the disputed islands in the East China Sea, Kyodo said, citing Japanese government officials. They hope to have the plan completed by March.

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Maj. Brent Taylor, who was the mayor of North Ogden, Utah, leaves behind a wife and seven children.

Fund drive for family of major slain in Afghanistan nears \$400K

By BRIAN FERGUSON
Stars and Stripes

A fund drive for slain soldier Maj. Brent Taylor's wife and seven children has raised close to \$400,000 in two days.

More than 4,900 people have donated to a GoFundMe page, started by Lori W. Lee and Lindee Bess of Utah on Nov. 3.

Taylor, 39, a Utah National Guardsman training commandos in Afghanistan, was fatally shot on Nov. 3 by one of his Afghan trainees. He leaves behind his wife, Jennie, and their seven children, who range in age from 11 months to 13 years.

Taylor had taken a yearlong leave of absence as mayor of North Ogden, Utah, for his deployment to Afghanistan and was expected to return to his mayoral job in January.

As of Tuesday morning, the site had raised \$383,774, in amounts ranging from \$5 to hundreds of dollars. The goal was \$400,000, up from \$300,000 earlier.

The GoFundMe page sponsors called Taylor "a

hero in every sense of the word."

"At this time we cannot take away the loss for Jennie and his children but we can ease some of her financial burdens which will be with her for the rest of her life," they wrote. "Knowing his family is being taken care of financially will matter to Brent. Please help us reach our goal, it is a lofty goal, but that is how our Mayor lived his life ... setting lofty goals."

Taylor served two tours in Iraq and was on his second tour in Afghanistan. He became the city's mayor in 2013.

His family said they were heartbroken but had no regrets.

"When a man like Brent has the desire to bring freedom to others and to serve his country, and he gives his life to that cause, in our view, there's not a whole lot of room for anger. We are so proud of the life he lived — proud of the way he gave his life," Kristy Pack, Jennie Taylor's sister, said Sunday.

The link to the GoFundMe site can be found at www.gofundme.com/mayor-brent-taylor.

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Turkey decries joint patrols in Syria

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday that joint patrols by U.S. forces and a Kurdish-led militia in northern Syria are "unacceptable."

The U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State and the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces conducted two joint patrols last week after Turkish artillery shelled Kurdish positions in northeastern Syria.

Turkey considers the Kurdish militia that forms the backbone of the SDF an extension of the Kurdish insurgency within Turkey. U.S. support for the Kurdish-led forces, who retook large areas from ISIS, has raised tensions be-

tween the two NATO allies.

"Not only can we not accept (the joint patrols), such a development will cause serious problems at the border," Erdogan told reporters at parliament.

Meanwhile, a bomb went off inside a car in the northern Syrian town of Manbij, killing one person, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Manbij Military Council, which administers the town.

The SDF drove ISIS out of Manbij in 2016. In June, the U.S. and Turkey agreed on a road map in which Kurdish fighters were to withdraw from the town. The Kurdish YPG militia says it withdrew in July, but Turkish officials

said the group, which they view as a terrorist organization, is still present in Manbij.

Last Thursday, Turkish and U.S. troops began jointly patrolling areas around the town.

NATO will keep training forces in Afghanistan

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

NATO's reinforced mission will continue training Afghan forces, the alliance's top official said Tuesday, even as government troops sustain higher numbers of casualties in a war now in its 18th year.

"This is a difficult situation," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said during a visit in Kabul. "We see violence and instability and we don't underestimate the challenges."

Stoltenberg, along with NATO Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, met with coalition leaders and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in Kabul at a time when security conditions in Afghanistan appear to be deteriorating.

After 17 years of war, there are few signs of progress as casualties among Afghan troops rise and attempts at peace talks with the Taliban insurgents have foundered.

While Ghani reiterated the importance of setting conditions for peace talks, the Taliban's hand appears to be strengthening.

In recent months, the Afghan government has lost control or influence of more districts, and the country's security forces are suffering their highest casualties ever, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction reported last week.

Stoltenberg said one reason Afghan casualty rates are higher is that NATO has pulled back from combat operations to focus on training and advising.

The Afghans are trying to do the job more than 100,000 NATO troops once did, Stoltenberg said. "Of course that has an impact for Afghan security forces."

A decision in July by NATO to extend its mission from 13,000 to 16,000 troops is aimed at better preparing Afghan forces with a larger training mission, he said.

"We have decided to increase our presence and we have done that with more trainers, more

advisers," Stoltenberg said. "Our presence here is conditions-based; it is not a timetable."

The visit by top NATO leaders also comes amid an uptick in insider attacks against coalition troops.

While most U.S. and NATO troops are not formally involved in a direct combat mission in Afghanistan, U.S. troops still face risks from attacks by Taliban infiltrators or disgruntled local forces.

On Saturday, Maj. Brent Taylor was killed in an insider attack at a training center in Kabul, marking the fourth such coalition death this year.

While Stoltenberg acknowledged the difficulty of the mission, NATO's top official said he remains hopeful of an eventual peace for a country that has been involved in multiple wars for decades.

"The potential for peace is greater now than it has been in many years," Stoltenberg said.

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Migrants camp at Mexico City arena as US holds vote

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Thousands of Central Americans dreaming of getting to the United States awoke Tuesday to donations of fruit and hot coffee at a sports stadium in Mexico's chilly capital as the U.S. held midterm elections in which President Donald Trump has made the migrant caravan a central issue.

Authorities counted more than 2,000 migrants at the Jesus Martinez stadium late Monday, and a steady flow continued into the night. The facility has the capacity to hold 6,000, officials said, and four big tents set up for sleeping filled up. Women and children slept apart from the men — who were relegated to concrete bleachers — while the city's central market supplied 3.5 tons of bananas and guavas to refuel the crowd.

Still hundreds of miles from the U.S. border, the migrants dozed on thin mattresses with blankets to ward off the chill in a city some 7,300 feet above sea level, a big change after trudging for three weeks in tropical heat. Temperatures dropped below 52 degrees Fahrenheit during the night.

Nashlie Ramirez, ombudsman for the local human rights commission, said the city was preparing to accommodate as many as 5,000 people. The lead caravan is estimated to have about 4,000 participants, and several smaller groups are trailing hundreds of miles to the south. "We have the space in terms of humanitarian help," Ramirez said.

Many of the migrants sought treatment for blisters and sore feet, respiratory infections, diar-

rehea and other maladies. City officials administered vaccines for tetanus and influenza. The Oxfam charity offered to donate 20 portable toilets.

Tania Escobar, a nurse with Mexico City's public health department, said from a medical tent that demand was high for consultations. "Since we got here, we have not stopped," she said.

Melvin Figueroa, 32, from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was with his pregnant wife and two children, 6 and 8. He took the 6-year-old girl to the tent because her eyes were irritated and "she throws up everything she eats."

More migrants were trudging along the highway between the city of Puebla and the capital, trying to hitch rides from passing vehicles.

Trump has seized on the caravan and portrayed it as a major threat, though such caravans have sprung up regularly over the years and largely passed unnoticed.

He ordered thousands of troops to the U.S.-Mexico border, threatened to detain asylum-seekers in tents cities and insinuated without proof that there are criminals or even terrorists in the group.

In dozens of interviews since the initial caravan set out from Honduras more than three weeks ago, migrants have said they are escaping poverty and rampant violence. Many are families traveling with small children. Some say they left because they were threatened by gang members or had lost relatives to gang violence. Others say they hope to work, secure a good education for their children and send money to support relatives back home.



Romero Asa/AP

A Central American migrant covers himself from the cold at a shelter in the Jesus Martinez stadium in Mexico City on Monday.

Gear: Agents photographed wearing Army uniforms

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President Donald Trump had suggested that troops should treat rock-throwers as combatants and that rifle fire would be an appropriate response, but he later backtracked on his comments.

Agents wielding military gear could belong to CBP's Border Patrol Special Operations Group — the agency's premier tactical response team.

CBP did not respond to a request for comment about which unit was shown training on the Texas-Mexico border.

Law enforcement agencies since 1990 have requested billions in military-grade equipment thanks to the 1033 program, a Pentagon initiative that diverts surplus military equipment to civilian authorities.

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq created a high water mark in available equipment, and subsequent drawdowns from each nation have meant law enforcement operations have browsed everything from excess bayonets and uniforms to sniper rifles and vehicles designed to absorb roadside bombings.

Critics have maintained that the weapons produce an overly aggressive posture suitable for

combat but not interactions with civilians. The Obama administration restricted the program late in his second term after images of officers atop armored vehicles pointing rifles at protesters in Ferguson, Mo., drew severe criticism.

Trump rolled back those restrictions in August 2017.

Those requests have included CBP, which received nearly \$40 million in tactical gear from the Defense Department through 2014, the Marshall Project reported. It is unclear whether tactical gear has been recently acquired from the Pentagon for border operations or if other equipment has been purchased directly by the Department of Homeland Security.

Photos from Getty Images showed CBP agents wearing Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms originally designed for Army use. Green Berets and some Navy SEALs have worn the pattern, which now extends to local police departments.

The agency also operates unmanned drones to combat drug-smuggling activity and helicopters such as the UH-60 Black Hawk for transporting agents, although photos from Getty show agents in a helicopter shoulder to shoulder, as troops would sit for tactical insertions.

Comments: Camp Darby phase reviewed on Google as 'not for the weak or faint-hearted'

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In 2016 and 2017, according to school data, and the top three reasons for failure are all events in the first week — a fitness test, land navigation and a 12-mile foot march.

"Does the hustle and bustle of modern life have you worn down? Ready for a change of pace, experience the great outdoors as they were meant to be enjoyed?" reads another review. "This is the place for you!! Take a dip in Victory Pond or take a 12-mile stroll across [south Georgia's] rolling hills."

Anyone can add a place to Google Maps, but they must include a name, location and category, such as "weight-loss service," "military base" or "government office." It's not clear who made or edited the Camp Rogers entry, but it includes the correct state and number for the 4th Ranger Train-



Darius Davis/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A U.S. Army Ranger touches the Ranger tab during the Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga., in April 2017.

ing Battalion, the unit responsible for conducting the first of the course's three phases.

The initial Fort Benning phase, divided between Camp Rogers and Camp Darby, is followed by

the mountain phase in northern Georgia and Florida or the swamp phase in the Sunshine State's panhandle.

The first day of the 21-day Benning phase kicks off with a fitness

test requiring students to complete 49 pushups, 59 situps, six chin-ups and a 5-mile run in 40 minutes. It has been the top reason for course failures — more than 900 students, or about one-quarter of the total failures each year in 2016 and 2017 — according to the Army's Ranger Training Brigade.

The second day begins long before dawn and includes land navigation, which accounted for about one-tenth of the failures in recent years. The 12-mile forced march under a load of about 50 pounds caps off the four-day assessment, and last year it weeded out nearly 300 students.

Fewer than half the students of a Ranger School class typically proceeds to the second part of the Benning phase, according to an Army website for prospective students.

"I lost [eight] pounds in three days at Camp Rogers, but they're

such a great weight-loss service that they kicked me out because I hadn't lost enough weight in that time," wrote Rob Whitmore, who also gave a five-star review on Google. "The staff are the most polite and caring people I've ever met!"

Students who pass the Ranger Assessment in the first week move to Camp Darby, which Google lists as merely a "camp." There, they undergo instruction and application of patrolling and troop-leading, plus more challenges. More than half the students last year who made it to Darby passed the school's Benning phase.

"Not for the weak or faint-hearted," reads one of two reviews of Camp Darby on Google. A user named Matthew Cowell who posted the review gave Darby only one star.

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MILITARY

Report finds DOD revolving door still spins

Despite Trump decrying practice on trail, contractors continue to land retired brass

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WASHINGTON — Almost two years after Donald Trump came to Washington pledging to “drain the swamp” of special interests and clear waste from the Pentagon’s supply chain, a steady stream of retired generals, admirals and government procurement officers are still accepting lucrative positions with companies that do business with the military.

A report released Monday by the advocacy group Project on Government Oversight found that major U.S. defense contractors have hired

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hundreds of former high-level government officials in recent years, including at least 50 since Trump took office. The report lends new visibility to long-standing concerns about a revolving door between the government agencies that award massive contracts for military supplies and services and the businesses that profit from those contracts.

Corporate influence in Washington was a campaign trail rallying point for Trump, who said soon after the 2016 election that there should be a “lifetime restriction” on top defense officials hired to work for defense contractors. “The people that are making these deals for the government, they should never be allowed to go work for those companies,” he said on Fox News.

In early 2017, Trump signed an executive order imposing a five-year ban on administration officials lobbying agencies in which they have served and a lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign governments. But Washington Post fact-checker Glenn Kessler noted that Trump has weakened lobbying restrictions put in place by previous presidents.

While it is hard to say whether revolving-door activity has increased or decreased in the Trump presidency, it is clear that defense firms are still eager to hire top military brass with high-level military experience.

POGO identified 645 instances in the past 10 years in which a retired senior official, member of Congress or senior legislative staff member became employed at a registered lobbyist or board member or business executive at a major government contractor. It counted many more “instances” of revolving-door hires than actual people because some retired officials had stints with multiple companies during their post-military careers.

By POGO’s accounting, those walking through the revolving door included 25 generals, nine admirals, 43 lieutenant generals and 23 vice admirals. About 90 percent of those individuals became registered lobbyists, POGO found.

While the report did not point to direct violations of the law, it said the U.S. national security establishment is “skewed by undue influence” because public officials might try to curry favor with the hopes of obtaining future employment.

“Many of the instances do, however, show the revolving door spinning out of control due to ethics laws that are insufficient to protect the public interest,” wrote Mandy Smithberger, director of the Straus Military Reform Project at POGO.

The individuals’ names have been published online in a database maintained by POGO, something that may raise hackles in a beltway lobbying sector where public scrutiny is usually not desired. Most of the individuals named in POGO’s database appear to have already publicized their roles in news releases or government disclosures, however.

The top five defense contractors by federal contract receipts — Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics — each hired more than a dozen former high-level officials in the past decade, POGO found. Major defense contractors contacted by The Washington Post said the report showed their commitment to hiring veterans.

“We pride ourselves in hiring those who have served,” said General Dynamics spokesman Jeff Davis, whose company reported last year that about 17 percent of its workforce had some military experience.

Boeing spokesman Dan Curran said the aircraft contractor “is proud that our workforce includes more than 20,000 veterans and that we have given millions of dollars to help train servicemembers and support their families as they transition into civilian life.”

Spokespeople from Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman declined to comment, and a Raytheon spokesman did not respond to a request for comment. The White House and the Office of the Secretary of Defense did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Boeing’s Arlington, Va.-based defense business, which has seen a surge in new program wins in recent years under chief executive Leanne Caret, has been a favored landing place for departing high-level military officials, according to POGO’s analysis. POGO identified 19 retired high-level military officials who were later hired by Boeing.

“If you used to command a fighter wing in the military, where are you supposed to put those skills to work once you retire?”

Loren Thompson

defense consultant whose think tank gets funding from defense contractors



BRIGITTE N. BRANTLEY/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan was a senior vice president at Boeing before his appointment, the reverse of the “revolving door” in which retired military brass go to work for defense contractors.

General Dynamics, which is building the Navy’s Columbia-class nuclear submarine and has expanded its work in the military IT space, hired five former high-level officials by POGO’s accounting and employed 63 registered lobbyists who had previous government experience.

POGO’s database identified 19 former high-level officials later hired by Raytheon, 37 for Lockheed Martin and 24 for Northrop Grumman.

Among hundreds of high-profile revolving-door hires highlighted in POGO’s report: retired Rear Adm. Donald Gaddis, who oversaw Navy aircraft programs before joining Boeing’s “Phantom Works” research and development unit; retired Rear Adm. James Murdoch, who oversaw the Navy’s Littoral Combat Ship as program executive officer before joining Lockheed Martin, one of the prime contractors on that program; retired Rear Adm. Thomas Wears, who oversaw Navy submarine programs before joining Northrop Grumman in a technology development role; former F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program executive Christopher Bogdan, who recently joined the defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton; former U.S. Strategic Command deputy commander James Kowalski, a retired Air Force general who joined Northrop Grumman last year; and former Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work, who joined Raytheon’s board last year.

Several of them have direct experience in business areas that are relevant to their new employ-

ers’ business. Retired Vice Adm. Joseph Rixey was director of the Pentagon agency that coordinates U.S. arms sales abroad before joining Lockheed Martin last year as vice president of international program support.

In an interview with Politico Pro, Rixey noted the international sales opportunities that defense companies can find in Saudi Arabia.

“That’s a large opportunity as well with the Kingdom’s desire to procure systems from the United States,” he told Politico Pro.

The report also draws attention to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis’ work with the now-dissolved blood-testing start-up Therasano. When he was head of U.S. Central Command, Mattis pressed the Army to procure the company’s blood-testing system in 2012, before leaving the military in 2013 and joining the Therasano board.

In another incident that was covered in depth by the Los Angeles Times, a Marine Corps general, James “Hoss” Cartwright, worked to extend a major Army radar system, which benefited Raytheon, before joining Raytheon’s board.

In other cases, a sort of “reverse revolving door” has come into play in which defense executives have been appointed to high-profile government roles. Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan had been a senior vice president at Boeing before his appointment, which became a point of contention during his confirmation hearing last year.

POGO’s findings were unsurprising to many in Washington, where former government officials can make a healthy living leveraging their experience and connections for consulting and lobbying jobs.

Loren Thompson, a defense consultant whose think tank gets funding from defense contractors, including Boeing and Lockheed Martin, said it is extremely rare for former high-level offi-

cials to become full-time lobbyists, though many may register as lobbyists so they are cleared to have discussions with legislators.

“This report reflects the same concerns that President (Dwight) Eisenhower did when he coined the phrase ‘military industrial complex’ ... [H]e was worried about a self-serving community of people who benefit from military spending, and that, implicitly is what POGO is addressing,” Thompson said. “But, obviously, senior military officers have very specialized skills, and they have many years ahead of them when they retire from military service. If you used to command a fighter wing in the military, where are you supposed to put those skills to work once you retire?”

A 2008 report from the Government Accountability Office, the government’s primary auditing agency, found that the 52 largest defense companies employed 2,435 people who had been generals, admirals, military program managers or acquisitions officials. It found that 422 of them were in a position to work on projects they had previously overseen during their government service.

While most of the hires identified by POGO were publicized by the hiring companies or the individuals themselves, POGO’s list may be the only public attempt to identify all of them.

Under a 2008 law, the Pentagon is required to maintain a database of ethics opinions issued for senior officials and officers who seek employment with defense contractors. But advocacy groups say that list has never been made public, and the Defense Department’s inspector general said in 2010 and in 2014 that the Pentagon had failed to complete that database, concluding that it “may not have fully complied with the intent of this law.”

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Voting seems secure, but problems persist

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Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tuesday's midterm elections marked the first nationwide voting since Russia targeted state election systems in the 2016 presidential race, with federal, state and local officials seeking to reassure the public their voting systems are secure.

There have been no signs so far that Russia or any other foreign agent has tried to launch cyberattacks against voting systems in any state, according to federal authorities.

The Department of Homeland Security has been working over the last year to improve communication and intelligence-sharing with state and local election officials who were largely left in the dark about Russian activities in 2016. Federal agencies including Homeland Security and the FBI have opened a command center to help state or local election officials with any major cybersecurity problems that arise.

"Things are running pretty smoothly around the country," said Matt Masterson, senior cybersecurity adviser with the Department of Homeland Security.

The same can't be said for all security preparations, or for early voting and the voter registration process in some states.

DHS officials have boasted that the 2018 midterms will be the most secure election in U.S. history, pointing to federal intrusion-detection sensors that will protect "90 percent of election infrastructure," as DHS Undersecretary Christopher Krebs tweeted in mid-October. Those sensors, which sniff for malicious traffic, are installed on election systems in 45 states.

But similar sensors used at the federal level have performed badly. According to a Sept. 14 letter from the Office of Management and Budget, those sensors had a 99 percent failure rate from April 2017 onward, when they detected only 379 out of almost 400,000 "incidents" across federal civilian networks.

Voters casting ballots early have encountered faulty machines in Texas and North Carolina, inaccurate mailers in Missouri and Montana, and voter



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP

Voters line up in the rain outside Bright Family and Youth Center in the Columbia Heights neighborhood in Washington on Tuesday.

Election Day storms sweep South

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As polls opened across the country, residents of several states were contending with severe weather conditions that could affect voter turnout.

A line of storms moved through the Deep South overnight and early Tuesday morn-

ing, knocking down trees and power lines from Louisiana to South Carolina. There were no serious injuries, but an estimated 11,000 residents were left without electricity.

A separate storm front in central Tennessee killed one person, injured two others and left thousands without power.

The National Weather Ser-

vice warned of a possibility of high winds, severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes Tuesday around Baltimore, Washington and the Mid-Atlantic region.

Dry weather was forecast for the West and Southwest, but significant snow accumulations were expected across the northern Rockies.

registration problems in Tennessee and Georgia. In other states, including Kansas, Election Day polling places have been closed or consolidated.

Some of the problems have prompted lawsuits, and there is concern that last-minute court rulings on voter ID requirements in a handful of states will sow confusion among voters and poll workers.

The challenges come amid a surge of interest, with registrations and turnout running well ahead of what is typically seen during a midterm election.

Wendy Weiser, who oversees the democracy program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU, said she believes efforts to restrict voting access have been "more intense" than in previous elections but said efforts to

combat them also have increased dramatically.

"These hurdles often work because people aren't willing to go to the trouble of going through the various hoops that the state puts in front of them," Weiser said. "Really motivated voters can overcome these kinds of hurdles."

The issue of election security is clearly on the minds of voters. A

recent Chicago Harris/AP-NORC poll found that nearly eight in 10 Americans are at least somewhat concerned about potential hacking of election systems, with 45 percent saying they are extremely or very concerned.

A key concern is that five states exclusively use electronic voting machines that do not produce a paper trail that can be used to verify election results if questions about the final tally arise.

Georgia, where the governor's race is among the most closely watched elections in the country, is one of the states where voting rights groups have been raising numerous concerns about election security and voter access.

Over the weekend, reports of security vulnerabilities within the state's online voter registration portal prompted a flurry of accusations from that secretary of state's office, which is overseen by Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp. His office claimed without providing evidence that Democrats had tried to hack into the system. Democrats dismissed that as an effort to distract voters from a problem in a system he oversees.

Kemp is one of two Republicans who are overseeing elections this year while also running for governor. Former President Jimmy Carter is among those who have called for Kemp to step down, but Kemp has insisted that he will continue to do the job while warning of the potential for voter fraud.

While experts have said voter fraud is exceedingly rare, Republicans have used it to justify strict voter ID laws, purging of voter rolls and other measures that make it more difficult to vote.

President Donald Trump has often cited voter fraud as a reason he lost the popular vote two years ago and has raised the issue during his recent campaigning. On Monday, he was asked what proof he had of people attempting to vote illegally in the midterms.

"All you have to do you go around, take a look at what's happening in the states and you'll see," he said outside Air Force One on his way to a rally. "There are a lot of people, a lot of people, my opinion and based on proof, that try and get in illegally and actually vote illegally."

Trial starts over challenge to 2020 census citizenship question

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge launched a trial Monday in New York City over challenges to the federal government's decision to put a citizenship question on the 2020 census by urging lawyers to "do as much as possible on the public record because of high interest in the issues."

U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman told lawyers to publicly file summaries of interviews lawyers conducted with key witnesses in the case.

"Public access to court docu-

ments is particularly important in this case given the public interest in it," Furman said just before testimony began.

The first witness — Duke University Professor D. Sunshine Hillegus — said there was considerable evidence that adding the question will depress participation by noncitizens.

Hillegus, who served six years on the scientific advisory committee for the census, said she has concluded plans by the U.S. government to take steps to prevent damage to the overall count

by adding the question are unlikely to be adequate.

The decision, she said, "violates the spirit" of guidelines set up to protect the census and "undermines not only the accuracy and completeness of the census ... but the integrity."

The trial stems from lawsuits brought by a dozen states and big cities, among others. They say the citizenship question will discourage immigrant participation and dilute political representation and funds for states that tend to vote Democratic.

New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood attended the trial Monday.

Furman, who is hearing the case without a jury, has harshly criticized the federal government's efforts to delay or stop the trial. He called them remarkable because government officials insist a speedy resolution of lawsuits is necessary so census preparations can proceed.

When he took the bench Monday, he acknowledged that the U.S. Supreme Court said Friday the trial can proceed over the objec-

tions of the Justice Department. "It came down to the wire but here we are," Furman said.

The Justice Department insists Furman should decide the case based only on the administrative record rather than evidence gathered by the plaintiffs, which includes the deposition of Commerce Department officials and others.

Furman said he will allow evidence to be submitted during the trial before he decides whether it is appropriate to consider it when he issues his opinion.

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Relatives of Wis. hit-run victims struggle to cope

By IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Relatives of a Girl Scout and her mother who were killed in a hit-and-run crash in Wisconsin that also claimed the lives of two other girls struggled Monday to come to terms with their sudden, heartbreaking loss, saying, "We all expect them to come back."

Sara Jo Schneider, 32, and her daughter, Haylee Hickie, 10, were among a group of adults and children who were picking up trash in the ditches of a rural highway when a pickup that veered off the road struck them Saturday morning, said police in Lake Hallie, a town about 95 miles east of Minneapolis.

The truck driver later told authorities he was inhaling chemical vapors before the crash.

Schneider's mother, Judy Schneider, said her daughter and granddaughter's deaths are "still not real for any of us," and her grandson, Jasper, 6, can't grasp what happened.

"He doesn't understand," Schneider said. "He said, 'If the doctors work real hard, sometimes God lets them come back.'"

Lake Hallie police said the pickup driver, Colten Treu, 21, and a passenger told investigators they had been huffing gas before striking the Girl Scout truck. Authorities said Treu sped off after the collision but surrendered hours later. He is being held in the Chippewa County Jail on \$250,000 bond and faces 13 possible charges, including four counts of intoxicated use of a motor vehicle.

Treu made his first court appearance Monday and had another hearing scheduled for Tuesday, when prosecutors are expected to formally charge him.

Schneider said her daughter, granddaughter and grandson moved in with her a couple of years ago, and they expected the house in the Town of Lafayette to be their "forever home."

"It was a little piece of heaven," she said. Now, she said, "It's going to be hollow."

Jayna Kelley, 9, and Autumn Helgeson, 10, both of Lake Hallie, were also killed. Another 10-year-old girl who was struck was in stable condition at a hospital Monday.

The Girl Scouts out on the highway that day were all fourth-graders at Halstead and Southview elementary schools in the Chippewa Falls School District. The children and their adult chaperones wore bright green safety vests as they walked along both sides of County Highway P, which they had adopted



STEVE KINDERMAN, THE EAU CLAIRE (WIS.) LEADER-TELEGRAM/AP

Girl Scout Jessica Lauterbach, 12, of Altoona, Wis., attends a candlelight vigil at Halstead Elementary School in Chippewa Falls on Sunday.

as a community service project.

Hundreds of community members huddled under umbrellas in the rain Sunday evening for a candlelight vigil outside Halstead Elementary School. Girl Scouts sang songs in memory of the victims, who were members of Troop 3055. A makeshift memorial of teddy bears, balloons and candles was set up on two wooden benches.



Treu

Schneider said her daughter's "favorite time with her kids was all in their jammies, curled up to watch a movie."

She said Haylee and her mom "were both exceptional artists," and Haylee dreamed of being an animator.

She hated bugs, loved reading "Warrior Cats" books and could sketch "a wonderful picture in 15 minutes or less," Schneider said.

Haylee also enjoyed painting and working on clay pottery with her mother. Haylee's father died when she was 3, Schneider said.

"Haylee would've never made it if she lost her mother," the grandmother said. "And Sara would've never been able to come back from losing Haylee."

NY bishop revises priest abuse list, fends off critics

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. — Embattled Bishop Richard Malone added 36 names Monday to a public list of priests with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a child, bringing the number to 78, and he described a "tsunami" of victims who came forward following the creation of a program to compensate victims.

Addressing criticism over his handling of clergy abuse complaints, Malone acknowledged that some priests in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo have joined in calls for his resignation, but he said stepping down wouldn't necessarily help.

"I know that there may not be a high level of trust right now, but I do believe that working with others who continue to believe in me, we can steer through this storm into a calm sea," Malone told reporters following a meeting with priests. Two priests at the meeting asked for his resignation, he said.

Outside St. Ignace of Prague church in suburban Cheektowaga, N.Y., where the meeting took place, a handful of people carried signs calling for Malone's resignation and told priests entering the church they were praying for them.

"The secrets have gone on for far too long," said Mary Ellen Sanfilippo, who attends St. Mary's in Swormville, where a priest re-



Malone

signed over the summer amid allegations of misconduct involving a young man. "This has been like an explosion to the people and to our faith,"

Pressure on Malone has intensified in recent weeks following revelations that his former executive assistant, Siobhan O'Connor, secretly copied and leaked internal emails to reporters after becoming concerned that Malone had left accused priests in ministry and purposely excluded others from the list of 42 names he made public in March.

Malone has acknowledged making mistakes handling cases involving adult complainants, including recommending one for a job as a cruise ship chaplain, but said he never knowingly allowed a priest accused of child abuse to remain in ministry.

The establishment of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program in March, he said, added to a flood of new complaints. "We asked the victims to come forward. They have, and the numbers were overwhelming," Malone said. "I think the image, the word tsunami, is not inappropriate."

Lawyer: NYC bomb suspect wanted to kill only himself

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Bangladeshi immigrant who set off a pipe bomb in a Times Square-area subway station in New York at rush hour was on a suicide mission to kill only himself, a defense lawyer told jurors in a closing argument Monday, contesting claims by prosecutors that he's a terrorist.

"He wanted to die. He wanted to take his own life and only his life," attorney Amy Gallichio said of Akayed Ullah, 28, of Brooklyn. "This is not a suicide bombing. This is not a terrorist attack."

Gallichio spoke after Assistant U.S. Attorney George Turner said Ullah sought "to inflict maximum damage, to terrorize Americans."

Turner said Ullah purposely chose morning rush hour last Dec. 11 in the city's busiest subway station to maximize casualties.

The failed pipe bombing occurred in a pathway linking the subway to the Port Authority bus terminal in Manhattan. The sub-

way is beneath the busy Times Square area where many trains are linked.

The bomb fizzled, burning Ullah and sending nearby pedestrians from life-threatening injuries.

The prosecutor said Ullah followed the propaganda of Islamic State online and wanted to follow its instructions to carry out a "lone wolf" terrorist attack on Americans.

"His goal was to injure and kill innocent civilians, to terrorize," Turner said.

The prosecutor said Ullah told an investigator after his arrest, "I did it for the Islamic State."

Authorities say Ullah's radicalization began in 2014 when he started viewing materials online.



Ullah

2 California death row inmates found dead

By DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Two condemned multiple murderers, including a serial killer, apparently killed themselves within hours of each other on the nation's largest death row, California officials said Monday.

Corrections officials said they found Andrew Urdiales, 54, unresponsive during a security check at San Quentin State Prison late Friday.

He was sentenced to death on Oct. 5 by an Orange County judge for killing five women in California and previously faced the death penalty for three murders in Illinois.

The California victims were Robin Brandley, 23, in January 1986 in Mission Viejo; Maryann Wells, 31, in September 1988 in San Diego; Julie McGhee, 29, in July 1988 in Cathedral City; Tammy Ervin, 20, in April 1989 in Palm Springs; and Denise Mamey,

32, in March 1995 in Palm Springs. The murders occurred while he was stationed at various U.S. Marine Corps facilities in Southern California.



Urdiales

He previously was convicted of killing Cassie Corum, 21, and Lori Uylaki, 25, both from Hammond, Ill., and Lynn Huber, 22, of Chicago, in the mid-1990s. Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted his sentence to life in prison in 2002 for two murders, and his third sentence was also commuted when Illinois banned the death penalty.

He had been on California's death row since Oct. 12.

Separately, authorities said they found Virendra Govin, 51, unresponsive alone in his cell in a dif-

ferent death row housing unit late Sunday.

Govin was sentenced in December 2004 for committing four murders. The victims were Gita Kumar, 42; Parla Kumar, 18; Tulsi Kumar, 16; and Sitaben Patel, 63. Govin, his brother,



Govin

Pravin Govin, and Carlos Amador then set the Kumars' home on fire in 2002.

Govin arrived on death row in January 2005. His brother has been on death row since September 2005.

Officials said that while both men's deaths are being investigated as suicides, there is no indication that their deaths are related.

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Single mom in Iowa claims share of Powerball jackpot

By SCOTT MCFETRIDGE

Associated Press

CLIVE, Iowa — After hearing someone from Iowa had won half of a nearly \$700 million Powerball jackpot, Lerynne West couldn't find the ticket she'd bought the day before so she asked her sister to check her pickup.

There it was, on the pickup floor — a scrap of paper worth a share of \$688 million.

The win was a shock to the single mom, who struggled to persuade her three daughters and other relatives that it was for real.

"Nobody believed me," West said Monday after submitting her winning ticket at lottery headquarters in suburban Des Moines. "They thought I was crazy."

West will share the \$688 million jackpot drawn Oct. 27 with someone who bought the other winning ticket in New York City but hasn't claimed the prize.

'Nobody believed me. They thought I was crazy.'

Lerynne West
jackpot winner

West took the cash option, which will pay her an immediate \$198.1 million, minus taxes.

West, 51, said she dreamed of winning a jackpot, but "once you have won, you realize the responsibility and the impact you can make, and all the frivolity goes out the window."

She said she'll give some to her daughters and other relatives, ensure her six grandchildren can have college educations and set up the Callum Foundation, where people in need can seek financial help. Halting briefly to hold back tears, West said the foundation was named after a grandson born prematurely in April who lived only one day.

West said she grew up in a "very humble family" with seven siblings in Iowa and knows what it's like to struggle financially. She worked in corn and soybean fields as a teenager, didn't graduate from high school but earned a GED diploma and took night classes to get a college degree in human resources in 2006.

She worked at a health insurance organization until winning



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Lerynne West, of Redfield, Iowa, speaks to the media after arriving to claim her share of a nearly \$700 million Powerball prize Monday at the Iowa Lottery headquarters in Clive, Iowa.

the jackpot. "Currently, I'm retired," she said.

She plans to buy a new house and replace her car, a Ford Fiesta with 142,000 miles "that people have beat up."

West bought the ticket in Redfield, a community of 800 people about 30 miles west of Des Moines. "I played the lottery twice a week when I had the money to do it,"

she said.

West and the buyer of a ticket at a Manhattan deli overcame odds of 292.2 million to 1 to win the Powerball.

The drawing came only four days after someone won a \$1.54 billion Mega Millions jackpot, the second-largest lottery prize ever. That ticket was sold in South Carolina and hasn't been claimed.

Experts: Lack of disaster plan puts Puerto Rico at risk

By DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — More than a year after Hurricane Maria caught Puerto Rico's government widely unprepared, officials acknowledge they still haven't come up with a plan to cope with the next such disaster — and it's not clear when they will.

The U.S. territory's government insisted for months that it had a complete, updated disaster plan, saying it was kept secret due to protect information about vulnerable infrastructure and officials' private contact details.

But a suit filed by Puerto Rico's Center for Investigative Journalism led officials to concede last month that that plan doesn't deal with catastrophic events such as hurricanes and earthquakes, prompting outrage on an island where many blame government bungling for the estimated 2,975 deaths linked to Category 4 Hurricane Maria, which hit in September 2017.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Nestor Serrano walks in the remains of his home in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, in September 2017. Puerto Rican authorities are under fire for failing to adequately prepare for a major storm.

"The government has clearly failed the people and hid the fact that the plan was under revision," said Nazario Lugo, a former executive director of Puerto Rico's emergency management agency

and president of the island's Association of Emergency Managers.

"We are talking about the lives of people. Someone is not going to react the way they're supposed to. This is a team effort, and when

the team is not in tune, when it's not in position, it fails," he said. "Lives are lost."

Carlos Acevedo, director of Puerto Rico's Bureau for Emergency and Disaster Management, did not respond to requests for comment about why the plan hasn't been updated.

At the Oct. 30 court hearing, government lawyer Tania Fernandez said she didn't know when the plan would be finished and made public because officials haven't yet hired experts to create such plans.

A partial plan released by the government last month stresses the risks of poor preparation and blames previous administrations.

"The consequences of Hurricane Maria made it clear that we did not have emergency plans that contemplated such scenarios, nor the sufficient resources to face catastrophic disasters of such historical magnitude," the document states.

However, Lugo and another former emergency management agency director, Epifanio Ji-

menez, said Puerto Rico has had a plan for a Category 4 hurricane that was drawn up after Hurricane Hugo, a Category 3 storm, hit the island in 1989. They say Gov. Ricardo Rossello's administration failed to follow it.

Lugo and Jimenez said that emergency response was hindered by a lack of fuel and truck drivers, communication between local government agencies broke down, supplies weren't dispatched quickly enough and officials didn't know the immediate needs of each municipality.

Despite the lack of a finished formal plan, local and federal officials have learned lessons from Maria and are more prepared than they were when that storm hit, according to Jesus Cuartas, an operational planning chief for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who urged patience.

"We are not racing for time," he said. "Any plan that is simply rushed out the door ... the thought of that being viable is slim to none."

Newlyweds killed in helicopter crash hours after wedding

Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — A newlywed couple died when the helicopter they were flying in hours after their wedding crashed into a hill in the rugged terrain of southwest Texas.

William Troy Byler and Bailee Raye Ackerman Byler, both 24, were killed in the crash shortly after midnight Sunday about 10 miles northwest of Uvalde and about 80 miles west of San Antonio, said Steven Kennedy, justice of the peace for Uvalde County Precinct 1.

The pilot, Gerald Douglas Lawrence, 76,

also was killed, according to Kennedy.

The newlyweds were seniors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, according to The Houstonian, the university's student newspaper.

They married Saturday night at a large Byler family ranch near Uvalde and left aboard a Byler family helicopter after the reception, Kennedy said.

The crash happened about 15 miles from where the helicopter took off. The flight was to carry the newlyweds to San Antonio International Airport, where they were to board a plane for their honeymoon destination.

It's not clear where they planned to go for their honeymoon.

"It's very rocky, rough terrain and this particular hill has a 400- or 500-foot rise," Kennedy said.

Lawrence had been a pilot for the family for years and had flown helicopters in Vietnam during his combat service, Kennedy said.

An autopsy has been ordered on the pilot to determine if a physical condition might have been a factor in the crash, he said.

The helicopter crashed about five to 10 minutes after takeoff, strewn wreckage across the rugged hillside about 5 miles

from the nearest road and leaving the main body of the aircraft "hanging perilously," Craig Hatch, an air safety investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said at a news conference Monday.

Investigators plan to retrieve the wreckage before performing their close inspection, but "getting back there with a trailer and truck and with people to lift the helicopter is going to be difficult," Hatch said.

The cause of the crash hasn't been determined, but Hatch said a preliminary NTSB report will be issued in about two weeks.

NATION

FBI: Terrorists' drones pose 'escalating threat'

BY CHRIS STROHM
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Bloomberg

Civilian drones pose a "steadily escalating threat," as the devices are likely to be used by terrorists, criminal groups or drug cartels to carry out attacks in the U.S., FBI Director Chris Wray told a Senate committee.

"Terrorist groups could easily export their battlefield experiences to use weaponized" drones, Wray said in written testimony for a hearing Wednesday of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Wray's comments, his most forceful to date on the threat from drones, come as U.S. law enforcement and homeland security agencies have just obtained legal authority to monitor drone communications and to disable them in extreme cases as a result of such concerns. The anti-drone measures were contained in a bill setting aviation policy that President Donald Trump signed Friday.

"The FBI assesses that, given their retail availability, lack of verified identification requirement to procure, general ease

of use, and prior use overseas," drones will be used in an attack in the U.S. including "a mass gathering," Wray said.

The rapidly expanding civilian drone market has prompted optimism it will be an economic boon for farmers, utilities and delivery companies, and the Trump administration in May unveiled 10 test beds for the new technology. The government predicts the total U.S. fleet of small drones will reach 1.6 million this year.

At the same time, however, growing concerns about criminal and terrorist use of the devices

have slowed the government's plans for broader flight rules.

The Federal Aviation Administration had planned by the end of 2016 to propose a framework for allowing routine flights over people for the first time. That action was blocked after the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security raised concerns. As a result, the government is drawing up regulations that will require most of the devices to broadcast their identity and location so they can be tracked by authorities.

The FBI has observed "repeated and dedicated" attempts

by Islamic State and al-Qaida to use drones in attacks, Wray said. Criminal gangs such as MS-13 and Mexican drug cartels have also used the devices, he said. Drones apparently were used in a recent unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

The FBI has disrupted at least one effort to use drones in an attack in the U.S., Wray said. A Massachusetts man was sentenced to 17 years in prison in 2012 for attempting to attack the Pentagon and Capitol using jet-powered model planes.

GOP senators press justices to lift Va.'s uranium mining ban

BY TODD RUGER
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Three Republican members of the Senate Armed Services Committee contend that a case now before the Supreme Court could undermine federal policy about uranium and other assets that are critical to national security and defense.

The justices heard arguments Monday in an environmental case about a 3-decades-old Virginia law that prevents mining of the largest deposit of uranium in the United States, in Pittsylvania County, in the southwest region of the state.

The case turns on the regulatory line between state and federal authority over the extraction and then further processing of nuclear materials. A mining company as well as the U.S. government argued Monday that Virginia does not have the authority to ban uranium mining based on radiation safety concerns.

In a brief filed earlier in the case, Sens. Tom Cotton, of Arkansas; Ted Cruz, of Texas; and James Inhofe, of Oklahoma, also urged the justices to side with the mining company because a decision that allows a state ban to continue would carry "far-reaching and serious risks" at a time when domestic production and development of uranium is at historic lows.

"In this case, local-based preferences threaten the implementation of uniform federal policy over uranium, a strategic national resource, at a critical time," the senators wrote.

A lawyer for Virginia Uranium Inc. argued Monday that Congress in a 1954 law established that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulates uranium mining for radiation hazards while the states can regulate for other purposes.

Virginia's ban on mining is actually motivated by radiation concerns about the next two stages in

the mining process — the milling the ore and the storage of waste rock called tailings — that are under the NRC's authority, attorney Charles Cooper argued.

Congress in the law asked the courts to look at the purpose of a state law, Cooper said, so allowing Virginia to ban mining in order to stop milling and tailings would "make a mockery" of the federal regulatory structure.

Noel Francisco, the solicitor general arguing on behalf of the United States, said allowing the Virginia ban without reviewing the state's purpose would amount to "giving states a road map for undermining a multibillion-dollar industry."

But Virginia solicitor general Toby Heytens told the justices

'The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has literally no authority over source material until it leaves the ground.'

Toby Heytens
Virginia
solicitor general

"The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has literally no authority over source material until it leaves the ground," Heytens said. A majority of the justices expressed concern Monday about how federal courts would determine the purpose of a state law that banned uranium mining, but it was not clear how the court ultimately might rule.

The court will decide the case before the end of the term at the end of June.



WARREN DILLAWAY, THE (ASHTABULA, OHIO) STAR-BEACON/AP

Perfect casting

A fisherman casts his line in Conneaut Creek near Skippon Park in Conneaut, Ohio, on Monday.

Pipe bombs suspect appears in court, ordered held without bail

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The man accused of sending pipe bombs to prominent critics of President Donald Trump was ordered held without bail after his first court appearance in New York on Tuesday.

Cesar Sayoc, who was transferred from federal custody in Florida, hugged his lawyer after a hearing in which Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Kim called him "a serious risk of danger to the public and a flight risk."

Sayoc has been accused of sending improvised explosive devices to numerous Democrats, Trump critics and media outlets in a scare that heightened tensions before the crucial midterm elections Tuesday. None of the

devices exploded, and no one was injured in the pipe bomb scare.

He was arrested outside a South Florida auto parts store. He was living in a van covered with stickers of Trump and showing images of some of the president's opponents with red crosshairs over their faces.

Sayoc faces nearly 50 years in prison if convicted on five federal charges that were filed in New York because some of the devices were recovered there.

Assistant Federal Defender Sarah Baumgartel declined to comment after the hearing, in which Sayoc presented himself as polite and soft-spoken and responded "Yes, sir" to questions from the judge.

His lawyers decided not to seek his release on bail after prosecu-

tors released a letter outlining more evidence against him, including DNA linking him to 10 of the explosive devices and fingerprints on two of them.

Other evidence includes online searches Sayoc did on his laptop and cellphone for addresses and photos of some of his intended targets, which included former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Vice President Joe Biden, California Sen. Kamala Harris and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker. Packages were also mailed to CNN in New York and Atlanta.

Prosecutors say the most recent crude bomb was recovered Friday in California, addressed to the liberal activist Tom Steyer.

NATION

Pet project

Woman boards Air Force medic's dogs while she's on deployment

By KRISTEN INBOYD

Great Falls Tribune

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — As Air Force medic Ashley Long deployed to an undisclosed location in Southeast Asia, she found in Great Falls a woman she calls her hero.

That woman is Teresa Appelwick, a Wendt Agency staffer and mom who signed up to foster Long's two large dogs, Wayway and Ciri.

As the dogs' welcome-home runs around her living room gave way to snuggles, Appelwick settled into an easy chair with her Chihuahua mix, Tobias, or Toby, as they call him. The dogs seem like they've always been a squad.

"It was trial and error adjusting to each other," Appelwick said. "Now they're part of the family, like they've always been here."

Canine teeth tore into shoes and furniture. There was no clear culprit, but she set up a surveillance camera.

"Toby is the instigator, and Ciri the muscle," she learned.

Appelwick is one of the first Montanans to board a dog through Dogs on Deployment, a nonprofit based in California. Appelwick heard about the program while in the Air Force, but her life only recently reached a point she thought she could take on another project. Her fifth-grader, Isabelle, and sixth-grader, Hunter, were up to the challenge of helping tend the pets.

"It's all the benefits of dog ownership without the bill," she told the Great Falls Tribune. "With the advent of bank-to-bank transfers, it's easy. I just tell Ashley what I need."

Wayway needs medicine twice a day, and she's had some seizures. Long's super detailed instructions didn't seem superfluous any more when the first

seizure came.

Wayway is a beautiful dog who likes to stay near Appelwick.

"She's a super gentle spirit," Appelwick said.

Ciri is a 90-pound German shepherd with remarkable patience for the 13-pound Toby chewing on her ear. Appelwick sleeps easy with Ciri protecting the house.

Ciri and Wayway needed to stay together, which made finding someone to foster them challenging.

"Service members shouldn't have to pick between responsible pet ownership and serving," Appelwick said. "This is a tangible way you can support someone while they're deployed."

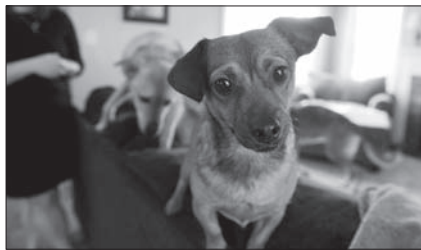
"This is purposeful. It made a difference in Ashley's life. It built a community. That's what we're meant to do," Appelwick said. "This was an opportunity for me to say yes to something and make a difference in her life."

Long is a single airman who was new to Great Falls when she learned she would deploy. She's a medical technician for the 819th Red Horse Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base. The civil engineering squadron deploys often, so Long dogs also.

Long expects the demand will grow for pet fosters among those who don't have handy friends and family.

"Since I've been out here, I have spread the word about DoD, and a lot of people are interested in looking into it for their next deployment," she said. "It can be hard to find someone to watch your animals for such a long period of time, especially when it's more than one."

She said Dogs on Deployment does a thorough screening, which brings peace of mind, even if it can be nerve-wracking to leave pets with a stranger. The organization has bios of owners and



Above: Teresa Appelwick's dog, Tobias, also shown at left, attempts to take a toy from Ciri while Teresa Appelwick looks on in Great Falls, Mont., last month.

RION SANDERS, THE GREAT FALLS (MONT.) TRIBUNE/AP

much to afford me this opportunity, and I will be forever grateful to her."

Long said being single in a state where she didn't know anyone made the dogs an even more important part of her family.

"I have had to go away before, and nothing is worse than being halfway around the world and finding out your animals aren't being treated right. You are completely powerless and can't do much about it," she said.

"She never complains, she's patient and, above all, she treats my animals so good. She is my hero."

The women have already talked about what to do when Long comes home and takes her dogs. They're planning canine sleepovers.

"All Toby knows is his pack," Appelwick said.

"It's going to be nice for a couple days of quiet. I look forward to having my carpets cleaned, but then it's going to be weird without them," she said.

pets and potential pet fosters. It's not that different from a dating website.

"You get to view their bio, and you can learn a lot about someone based on how they write about themselves," Long said.

Long and Appelwick did a test run while Long was at training to see how the dogs got along with Toby and Toby's human family.

When it came time to say goodbye to Ciri and Wayway, Long had mixed feelings. On the one hand, she was at peace knowing Appelwick was the right person for the job, that her dogs knew and were comfortable with her despite the dogs' usual separation anxiety.

But she was sad, too, knowing how much she would miss them.

"Teresa takes the time to talk to me, give me updates, send me pictures and videos and we even video chat occasionally," she said. "That helps a lot and makes it easier."

Long said if she had boarded the dogs, it would have cost a fortune. She didn't want them in a cage somewhere for eight months.

"Teresa means the world to me. She made my life easier in a stressful situation and gave me the peace of mind that my babies would be well taken care of and loved while I am away," Long said. "She selflessly gave up so

The Citadel tweaks grooming rules to attract female cadets

By NOAH FEIT

The (Columbia, S.C.) State

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Citadel is making a change in an effort to attract more female cadets.

The military college in Charleston, S.C., has changed its rules about grooming, according to a news release from The Citadel.

Part of the adjusted grooming rules will mean "fourth-class female cadets" are no longer required to cut their hair "at matriculation," The Citadel reported. The changes to the college's Blue Book, its list of regulations, will be in place for the 2019-20 academic year.

The Citadel said the new standards "will improve the recruiting of women."

This is a progressive step for the 176-year-old military college, which admitted its first class of women in 1996.

Initially, female cadets were required to have "a distinctive haircut," which was

a "pixie-style haircut," until the 2008-09 school year, when the military college said women were permitted "to have long hair worn in a bun" if they were upperclassmen.

But, according to The Citadel, female cadets who were attempting to grow their hair out had "an unruly mop that requires a lot of attention and a lot of bobby pins," by their sophomore year.

"Good for the women who were willing to come here and cut their hair, but the haircuts just look bad," Citadel Commandant Geno Paluso said in a news release.

The new standard allows women at The Citadel to follow the standards of the U.S. Army set by the Department of Defense, the school said.

"I don't think The Citadel should have a stricter grooming standard than the Department of Defense — the very people defending our nation, our freedom and

our right to have this institution," Paluso, a retired Navy captain and an alum of The Citadel, said in a news release.

The changes to the Blue Book are not limited to female cadets.

The Charleston college reported "fourth-class male cadets will get one initial haircut at matriculation." That is a return to an old rule, which was changed in 1997 when men were required to have "a yearlong freshman-standard haircut."

According to the school, rules prohibiting sideburns were put in place in 1956, and the "buzz cut," didn't become a tradition for freshmen until the 1960s.

The rule revision will save money and improve "the quality of life for cadets," according to The Citadel. It has the endorsement of The Citadel's president.

"I support Capt. Paluso's decision wholeheartedly," Gen. Glenn M. Walters said in a news release. "In fact, I asked him to

make the change as soon as possible. To be competitive as a college, we need to be current, and hairstyles should not define who we are."

Not everyone is enthusiastic about the change. Many comments on a Facebook post regarding the updated regulations are critical of the decision.

One comment said The Citadel will "lower the quality of cadets we receive and graduate" as a result of the change. A series of responses to the post read "I strongly disagree with this," "Ridiculous" and "Well ... this sucks ... the school is getting more and more progressive."

In spite of many bemoaning the loss of tradition, there were also several supportive comments.

Several people also pointed out that the rules for men were different and longer hair was permitted in the '70s and '80s when they said they attended The Citadel.

WORLD



LUDOVIC MANIN/AP

A French judicial official said six people were arrested in connection with an alleged plot to attack French President Emmanuel Macron.

6 arrested in alleged plot to attack Macron

Associated Press

PARIS — French security agents have arrested six people on preliminary terrorism charges for allegedly plotting to attack French President Emmanuel Macron, according to a French judicial official.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the allegations, said intelligence agents detained the six in three widely scattered regions, including one suspect in the Alps, another in Brittany and four suspects near the Belgian border in Moselle. He said the plan to target the French president appeared to be vague and unfinalized but violent.

Authorities said the six were between 22 and 62 years old and included one woman. It is not known if they were suspected of

working together.

French presidents have been targeted several times over the decades, including in 2002 when a far-right sympathizer tried to attack President Jacques Chirac on the Champs-Élysées Avenue in Paris during Bastille Day celebrations.

Macron was in the northeastern French city of Verdun on Tuesday as part of centenary commemorations for the end of World War I.

The suspected plot was uncovered days before President Donald Trump and dozens of other world leaders are due in France for commemorations this weekend of the signing 100 years ago of the Nov. 11 armistice that ended World War I.

Italian prosecutor to probe actions of US ship in Med

Associated Press

A prosecutor in Sicily opened a preliminary investigation Tuesday into allegations a U.S. ship, the USNS Trenton, delayed rescuing migrants from a sinking dinghy from which some 76 people drowned in June.

The June 12 rescue off Libya came at a tense time on the Mediterranean, with Italy's new populist government refusing to let aid groups dock in a bid to dissuade them from rescuing migrants.

The Trenton, an expeditionary fast transport, did rescue 41 people. But a half-dozen survivors told Italy's *La Repubblica* newspaper that the ship delayed intervening until after their dinghy started sinking, over an hour after the migrants first spotted the U.S.

flags on the ship.

Ragusa Prosecutor Fabio D'Anna confirmed Tuesday he had opened an investigation into their claims.

The U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet didn't immediately comment.

Also Tuesday, Spanish rescue workers combed the seas and shores of southern Spain searching for 17 missing migrants a day after finding the bodies of 17 other migrants who died trying to cross the Mediterranean in boats departing from North Africa.

The Spanish Civil Guard said it had found four bodies of migrants and 22 survivors Monday, all men from northern Africa, after their wooden dinghy hit a reef close to the coast west of the Strait of Gibraltar. The Civil Guard said 13 of the survivors were thought to be

unaccompanied minors.

It said 17 other people traveling were missing, but could have reached Spanish shores. The Civil Guard on Tuesday resumed the search for them on sea and land.

Earlier Monday, Spanish maritime rescuers found 80 people, including five women, and recovered the bodies of 13 dead migrants in the Alboran Sea, part of the western Mediterranean maritime route into Europe.

The migrants were traveling in two boats, the Spanish Maritime Rescue Service said, adding that they were all transferred to the Spanish enclave of Melilla, which borders Morocco.

The U.N. said more than 2,160 people have died trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe this year.

Rebels claim they halted Saudis

Associated Press

CAIRO — Fighting in Yemen's grueling civil war ground on Tuesday, with Houthi rebels saying they halted the advances of their adversaries, the U.S.-backed, Saudi-led Arab coalition seeking to oust them from power.

Combat continued around the key port city of Hodeida, where the Iran-backed Shiite rebels said in an overnight statement that a three-pronged coalition assault had been stopped with heavy fighting around the city's outskirts, acknowledging that they had lost at least 30 men and a dozen armored vehicles.

Dozens of fighters on both sides have been killed and hundreds wounded since the coalition offensive on the city began five days ago, following calls by the Trump administration for a cease-fire by late November. Witnesses have reported dead bodies littering the ground and left inside burnt-out vehicles at the city's edge.

Local media reported that air raids by the coalition were continuing, as was sporadic fighting around Hodeida, especially along 50th street and the 7th of July neighborhoods in the east.

Other fronts include the provinces of Dhale and Bayda to the

south, and in the north in Hajjah and Saada, a Houthi stronghold.

The Houthis said in their statement they had also stopped an attempted incursion by "mercenaries of the Saudi army," into Yemen from Jizan, across the border in Saudi Arabia.

Witnesses say several civilians have been killed by shelling in residential areas.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Refugee Council said millions of Yemenis are edging closer to famine and fatal disease as the Saudi-led coalition's blockade on sea, land and air routes in the Arab world's poorest country continued.

Trial begins in Germany for former Nazi SS camp guard, 94

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

MUENSTER, Germany — A 94-year-old former SS enlisted man went on trial Tuesday in Germany, facing hundreds of counts of accessory to murder for alleged crimes committed during the years he served as a guard at the Nazis' Stutthof concentration camp.

Johann Rehbogen was pushed into the Muenster state court trial in a wheelchair, a wooden cane at his side and briefcase on his lap. He appeared alert and attentive as presiding judge Rainer Brackhane asked him questions, answering in slow, concise sentences.

Rehbogen is accused of working as a guard at the camp east of Danzig, which is today the Polish city of Gdansk, from June 1942 to about early September 1944.

There is no evidence linking him to a specific crime, but more than 60,000 people were killed at



GUIDO KIRCHNER, DPA/AP

Johann Rehbogen, 94, a former SS guard, holds his walking stick at the beginning of his trial in Muenster, Germany, on Tuesday.

Stutthof, and prosecutors argue that as a guard he was an accessory to at least hundreds of those deaths.

The retired civil servant showed no reaction as prosecutor

Andreas Brendel read the accusations against him, detailing the horrific way prisoners at Stutthof were killed. Some were given lethal injections of gasoline or phenol directly to their hearts, shot

or starved. Others were forced outside in winter without clothes until they died of exposure, or put to death in the gas chamber.

"Anyone who heard the screams from outside the gas chamber would have known that people were fighting for their lives," Brendel said.

Rehbogen, a former SS Sturm-mann — roughly equivalent to the U.S. Army rank of specialist — does not deny serving in the camp during the war, but has told investigators he was unaware of the killings and did not participate in them.

No pleas are entered in Germany, and Andreas Tinkl, one of Rehbogen's attorneys, would not comment on his client's defense. He said Rehbogen would address the court at some point during the trial, which is scheduled into January.

Rehbogen lives in Borken, near the Dutch border. In deference to his age and health, the trial is

being restricted to a maximum of two hours a day on no more than two nonconsecutive days a week.

At the same time, because he was under 21 at the time of his alleged crimes, he is being tried in juvenile court and faces a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted.

Seventeen Stutthof survivors or relatives of victims have joined the trial as co-plaintiffs, but Brendel said it was unclear whether any would testify in person due to their ages.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, which helped locate Stutthof survivors for the case, stressed that even more than 70 years after the end of World War II it is not too late to pursue justice.

"The passage of time in no way diminishes the guilt of Holocaust perpetrators, and old age should not afford protection to those who committed such heinous crimes," said the center's head Nazi hunter, Efraim Zuroff.

WORLD

Iran mocks US as sanctions expand

By NASSER KARIMI
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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The “largest-ever” U.S. sanctions list targeting Iran drew mockery from Iranian officials on Tuesday for including mothballed Boeing 747s, a bank that closed years earlier and a sunken oil tanker that exploded off China months ago.

However, the new list of sanctions, which also aims to cut off Iran’s vital oil industry from international sales, also included for the first time its state airline and its atomic energy commission, further highlighting the maximalist approach of President Donald Trump’s administration.

Trump pulled America out of the 2015 nuclear deal Iran struck with world powers in July. United Nations monitors say Iran still abides by the deal, in which it agreed to limit its uranium enrichment in return for the lifting of international sanctions.

The U.S. Treasury Department imposed penalties on more than 700 Iranian and Iran-linked individuals, entities, aircraft and vessels in the new sanctions. Among those are 50 Iranian banks and subsidiaries and more than 200 people and ships.

However, scattered among the list are surprising omissions, like the crude oil tanker Sanchi. That ves-

sel collided with a bulk freighter and caught fire off China’s east coast in January, killing all 32 sailors aboard.

Another entry was Iran’s Tat Bank, which closed in 2012.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif took to Twitter to mock some of the targets of the sanctions, describing it as a “desperate” psychological ploy.

“The U.S. designated a bank that was closed 6 years ago, and a ship that sank in a widely televised saga,” he wrote, ending the tweet with “#USIsolated.”

But for the first time, the U.S. targeted Iran Air. It also sanctioned the state carrier’s mothballed fleet of Boeing 747s, which were manufactured in the 1970s.

It also appeared that the U.S. for the first time was directly sanctioning the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, the government agency that oversees Iran’s nuclear program. Prior sanctions targeted specific subsidiaries of the organization.

Eshaq Jahangiri, President Hassan Rouhani’s senior vice president, also criticized the sanctions. “Americans think their list is more effective if it is longer,” Jahangiri said, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. He said he had discussed the list with other officials, with many saying it was “less than what we expected.”



CHINESE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT/AP

Fighting boats work to put out a blaze on the oil tanker Sanchi in the East China Sea in January, Iran is mocking the U.S. for including the sunken tanker on a new sanctions list.

Still, Jahangiri warned that “Americans intend to damage economy of the country” through psychological warfare.

Zarif later issued an online video criticizing America’s “indiscriminate assault” on his country.

“The U.S. administration appears to believe that imposing illegal draconian sanctions on Iran will bring about such pain to our nation that it will force us to submit to its will, no matter how absurd, unlawful or fundamentally flawed its demands are.”

Zarif urged America to re-examine its “catastrophes” in the Mideast, including its support for Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Iran is already in the grip of

an economic crisis. Its national currency, the rial, now trades at 150,000 to \$1; a year ago, it was about 40,500. The economic chaos sparked mass anti-government protests at the end of last year, resulting in nearly 5,000 reported arrests and at least 25 people being killed.

Sporadic smaller demonstrations still reportedly erupt from time to time.

The new sanctions particularly hurt Iran’s vital oil industry, which provides a crucial source of hard currency. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the sanctions already had cost Iran the sale of more than 1 million barrels of crude oil a day.

Walking dogs during day banned in China city

Associated Press

BEIJING — A city in southwest China has banned dog walking during the daytime and banished the pets entirely from parks, shopping centers, sports facilities and other public spaces.

The ordinance issued by the city of Wenshan, in Yunnan province, on Oct. 29 has been called the most restrictive in a nation where dog ownership has long been subject to tight regulations.

Under communist China’s founder, Mao Zedong, pet ownership was considered a bourgeois affliction, but it has revived over recent decades because of increased affluence and smaller families.

Many cities, however, still maintain rules on what size dogs can live in what areas, with the capital, Beijing, banning large dogs from the city center. Dog parks are rare, and canines are almost always required to be on a leash.

Wenshan’s ban appears to go well beyond that by saying dogs can be outside only before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. It also says dogs that are not longer than 3 feet, and dogs can be walked only by adults.

Rabies spread by unvaccinated dogs also accounts for a substantial number of the roughly 2,000 deaths from the disease that the World Health Organization counts in China each year.

Bill Gates working on sanitation technology

By MARK SCHIEFFELBEIN
Associated Press

BEIJING — Placing a jar of feces on a pedestal next to him, billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates made a plea Tuesday for the safe disposal of human waste as he kicked off a “Reinvented Toilet” Expo in China.

“You might guess what’s in this beaker — and you’d be right. Human feces,” the former CEO of software giant Microsoft said. “This small amount of feces could contain as many as 200 trillion rotavirus cells, 20 billion Shigella bacteria, and 100,000 parasitic worm eggs.”

He went on to say that pathogens like these cause diseases that kill nearly 500,000 children under the age of 5 every year.

More than 20 companies and academic institutions are exhibiting new toilet technologies at the three-day expo in Beijing, from self-contained toilets to a small-scale, self-powered waste



MARK SCHIEFFELBEIN/AP

Visitors look at a model of a self-contained toilet at the “Reinvented Toilet” Expo in Beijing on Tuesday.

treatment plant called the Omni Processor.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that Gates co-founded with his wife has spent more than \$200 million since 2011 to stimulate research and development of safe sanitation technology.

“The technologies you’ll see here are the most significant advances in sanitation in nearly 200 years,” Gates said, according to a text of his prepared remarks.

UNICEF estimates that 4.5 bil-

lion people worldwide do not have access to safely managed sanitation, and that 480,000 children under 5 die every year from diarrhea, primarily in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

There is an economic cost, too. Poor sanitation cost the world nearly \$223 billion in 2015, according to a study by Oxford Economics and Japanese toilet maker Lixil.

Gates left the feces on display for about 10 minutes before removing it, his point made.

Cameroonian separatists kidnap students, demand school closing

By MBOM SIXTUS
AND KRISTIN PALITZA
dpa

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — Armed separatists abducted dozens of students from a Christian secondary school in western Cameroon on Monday and demanded that the school shut down, part of an apparent broader effort to create havoc in the region.

Cameroon, a former French colony in West Africa, has been troubled by unrest since its two main English-speaking areas, the Northwest and Southwest regions, announced in 2016 that they wished to secede and form a new country called Ambazonia.

English speakers have long complained of being treated like second-class citizens and getting less government funding.

Against that backdrop, the English-speaking separatists kidnapped the 79 students, along with the Presbyterian school’s principal, driver and another staff member, the governor of the Northwest Region said.

The abductions seem to be part of a plan by secessionists to shut down all schools in the disputed regions in a move to make the area ungovernable.

The students, all between 11

and 17 years old, were kidnapped in the town of Bamenda on Sunday night, the Rev. Samuel Fonki Forba, the head of the country’s Presbyterian Church, told dpa on Monday.

The kidnappers did not ask for a ransom payment but instead demanded that the school be closed down, Forba said.

“The [kidnappers] have asked us to shut down the school before they can release the students and school principal,” Forba said. “We have no choice. We will close the school.”

The Ambazonia Defense Forces, or ADF — the army of the self-proclaimed independent Anglophone region — called the kidnapping “an unacceptable act of terror,” demanding the immediate and unconditional release of the children.

Members of the security force were combing areas where they suspected the children were being held hostage, ADF spokesman Tapang Ivo Tanku said in a statement.

Tanku said he believed supporters of President Paul Biya were responsible for the kidnapping, saying the abductors had reportedly spoken in French.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Facebook: 115 accounts blocked before elections

Associated Press

LONDON — Facebook said it blocked 115 accounts for suspected “coordinated inauthentic behavior” linked to foreign groups attempting to interfere in Tuesday’s U.S. midterm elections.

The social media company shut down 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts and is investigating them in more detail, it said in a blog post late Monday.

The company took action after being tipped off Sunday evening by U.S. law enforcement officials, who notified the company about recently discovered online ac-

tivity, “which they believe may be linked to foreign entities,” Facebook’s head of cybersecurity policy, Nathaniel Gleicher, wrote in the post.

U.S. tech companies are stepping up security and efforts to fight disinformation campaigns as online troublemakers including Russian groups try to divide voters and discredit democracy. Facebook’s purge is part of countermeasures to prevent abuses like those used by Russian groups two years ago to sway public opinion ahead of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

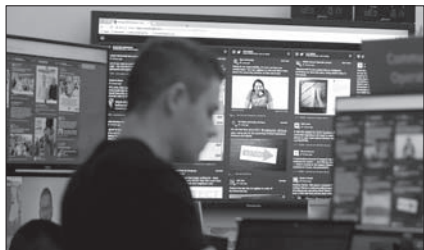
Last month, the company re-

moved 82 pages, accounts and groups tied to Iran aimed at stirring up social strife in the U.S.

The U.K. Facebook carried out an even broader sweep in August, removing 652 pages, groups, and accounts linked to Russia and Iran.

Gleicher said they will provide an update once the company learns more, “including whether these accounts are linked to the Russia-based Internet Research Agency or other foreign entities.”

Almost all of the Facebook Pages associated with the latest blocked accounts appeared to be in French or Russian.



JEFF CHU/AP

A man works during a demonstration in the “war room,” where Facebook monitors election-related content on the platform, in Menlo Park, Calif.

The Instagram accounts were mostly in English and were focused either on celebrities or political debate.

No further details were given about the accounts or suspicious activity.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 7)	\$1.1727
Dollar buys (Nov. 7)	€0.7462
British pound (Nov. 7)	\$1.34
Japanese yen (Nov. 7)	110.00
South Korean won (Nov. 7)	1,094.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Bahraini)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.3068
Canada (Dollar)	1.3125
China (Yuan)	6.9175
Denmark (Krone)	6.5338
Egypt (Pound)	17.9334
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Japan (Yen)	113.26
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3037
Norway (Krone)	8.37
Philippines (Peso)	52.98
Poland (Zloty)	3.77
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3739
South Korea (Won)	1,120.92
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0036
Thailand (Baht)	32.93
Turkey (Lira)	5.3997

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Dow Jones Industrials	190.87
	25,461.70
Nasdaq composite	-28.14
	7,328.85
Standard & Poor's 500	15.25
	2,738.31
Russell 2000	-0.47
	1,547.51

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	2.20
3-month bill	2.32
30-year bond	3.43

Amazon mum on reports it will split new headquarters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Online leader Amazon Inc. refused comment Tuesday on reports that it plans to split its new headquarters between two locations, possibly in New York City and Arlington, Va.

The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times reported that the company would locate the new facilities in Arlington’s Crystal City area and in another city, Queens on Long Island in New York, appears a likely choice, but the Wall Street Journal said Dallas, Texas, was also in discussions.

A company spokesman, Adam Sedo, reached by phone in Seattle said that Amazon would not comment on “rumors and speculation.”

An update from the company is

widely expected soon.

The Wall Street Journal said the main reason for having the two new facilities is to be able to recruit enough talent. Dividing the 50,000 employees expected to staff the headquarters between two locations also would relieve pressures from demand for housing and transportation.

The newspapers cited unnamed people familiar with the matter.

The New York Times said Amazon executives met last month with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and the state had offered possibly hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of subsidies. They also met with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, it said.

“I’ll change my name to Amazon Cuomo if that’s what it takes,”

the report cited Cuomo as saying. Amazon’s decision to set up another headquarters set off an intense competition to win the company and its promise of 50,000 new jobs. Amazon emphasized it wanted dollars and cents incentives, such as tax breaks and grants.

It also wanted a city with more than 1 million people, an airport within 45 minutes away, direct access to mass transit and room to expand.

The company received 238 proposals before narrowing the list to 20 in January.

Amazon has said it could spend more than \$5 billion on the new headquarters over the next 17 years, about matching the size of its current home in Seattle, which

has 33 buildings, 23 restaurants and 40,000 employees.

The company isn’t leaving Seattle, and Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has said the new headquarters will be “a full equal” to its current home.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Statue restored in time for WWI anniversary

UT OGDEN — An iconic statue of a “doughboy” in Ogden Cemetery has been restored in time for the centennial of the end of World War I.

The Standard-Examiner reported the statue has been cleaned and repaired and will be rededicated at a ceremony Saturday.

“Doughboy” was the nickname given to members of the U.S. Army or Marine Corps during World War I, which ended when German signed an armistice agreement with the Allies on Nov. 11, 1918.

The Weber County Heritage Foundation started raising funds to restore the statue two years ago. The statue formerly stood at an old American Legion Post but was relocated to the cemetery shortly after World War II.

Gas explosion levels empty mansion

PA GLADWYNE — An apparent gas explosion leveled an empty mansion in an affluent suburb of Philadelphia on Sunday, reducing the 9,000-square-foot home to rubble and frightening neighbors and others who felt the thunderous boom.

The explosion at the Gladwyne mansion happened just after 8 p.m. and was felt as far away as southern New Jersey.

The house was undergoing extensive renovations, authorities said, and no one was inside at the time of the explosion. It was reduced to a few walls and rubble as debris ended up strewn among nearby trees.

The cause of the explosion remained under investigation Monday.

Bring cans to reduce parking ticket costs

KY LEXINGTON — Officials in one Kentucky city have offered to reduce parking fines in exchange for canned food items.

A statement from the Lexington Parking Authority said its Food for Fines program begins Nov. 19 and runs through Dec. 14. Those who bring in 10 cans of food will receive \$15 off parking citations, including those that are paid.

The statement said those with multiple citations will receive \$15 credit for every set of 10 cans.

The Parking Authority said previous food drives have brought in more than 32,200 cans of food.

Man accidentally shoots self during robbery

GA MACON — A Georgia sheriff's office said a man robbing a Macon McDonald's accidentally shot himself in the thigh, foiling his escape.

News outlets reported the Bibb County Sheriff's Office said an armed man wearing a wig entered the restaurant Saturday night and ordered a manager to take him to a safe. Deputies reported some of those restaurants also had signs saying they were permanently closed.

THE CENSUS

43 The approximate number of roosters and hens the Oregon Humane Society rounded up after they were abandoned in Portland's Pearl District over the weekend. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported police received a call about the roosters Saturday and contacted Oregon State Police's Fish and Wildlife Division for help. State authorities weren't able to pick up the fowl immediately, so the Oregon Humane Society's Technical Animal Rescue Team built an overnight pen until the county could pick up the chickens Sunday.



DARYN SLOVER, (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

Stacking up for winter

Leonel Reyes cuts firewood at Jillson's Farm in Sabattus, Maine, on Sunday. Reyes said the wood will be used to heat the farm store, run the wood-fired evaporator during the spring maple syrup season and heat the home of farm owners Pat and Ed Jillson.

They then heard a gunshot and saw the thief flee.

Deputies said Donte Sherrod Grayer, 26, was found wearing only his boxers and lying near a wig, money and other clothing. Deputies said he was identified as the suspect and taken to a hospital in stable condition.

Pizzeria chain closes several restaurants

MA BOSTON — A popular pizzeria chain in New England abruptly closed several locations.

Patrons and workers at Papa Gino's locations tweeted Sunday about the surprise closures, which included a number of locations in the Boston-area and neighboring New Hampshire.

The company hasn't provided a full list of the closures and a company spokeswoman didn't immediately comment.

The company also owns D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches. Patrons reported some of those restaurants also had signs saying they were permanently closed.

Officer probed after woman pulled by hair

MS CLARKSDALE — A Mississippi Delta police officer is under investigation for allegedly pulling a woman down by her ponytail.

WHBQ-TV reported a security camera at a Clarksdale shopping center captured the incident.

Clarksdale Police Chief Sandra Johnson Williams said she met Friday with Mayor Chuck Espy to discuss possible disciplinary action in the incident.

The nature of the act is unclear because the video shows the woman smiling and laughing when the officer pulled her back up.

Goodwill worker finds python in donation

TX FORT WORTH — A Goodwill worker collecting clothes and other items at a Texas sorting center was surprised to find an albino python clinging to the side of a bin.

The python was huddled in a pile of clothes when the worker discovered it at the center in Fort Worth.

Manager James Murphy said it's not clear if the snake slithered away from its owner and was accidentally dropped off or if its donation was intentional.

Goodwill staffers will care for the python until the owner claims it or a permanent home is found.

State health officials confirm plague in cat

WY GILLETTE — Wyoming health officials said a cat in the northeastern part of the state is infected with plague.

The Gillette News Record reported Sunday that the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory confirmed the illness in the Campbell County cat, and no human cases have been identified in the area.

Dr. Alexia Harrist, with the Wyoming Department of Health, said plague is a serious bacterial infection that can kill pets and people if it's not treated with

antibiotics.

The disease can be transmitted to humans from sick animals and by fleas coming from infected animals.

Endangered rattlesnake found out of habitat

OH CADIZ — A nearly 5-foot-long rattlesnake was found in eastern Ohio well north of its normal habitat.

The Times Reporter reported wildlife officials recently learned that a timber rattlesnake had been run over on U.S. Route 250. The 57-inch-long snake was found dead near Tappan Lake in Harrison County.

The state Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife said timber rattlesnakes normally live about 100 miles to the south. They're listed by the state as an endangered species.

Experts said they are the most dangerous snakes in northeastern America but aren't aggressive toward humans.

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People magazine names Elba 2018's Sexiest Man Alive

People magazine has named Idris Elba as 2018's Sexiest Man Alive, and the British actor says the honor has given him a boost of self-confidence.

Elba, who starred in "The Wire" and "Luther," was surprised after being crowned this year's winner, the magazine said.

"I was like, 'Come on, no way. Really?'" he told the magazine. "Looked in the mirror, I checked myself out. I was like, 'Yeah, you are kind of sexy today.' But to be honest, it was just a nice feeling. It was a nice surprise — an ego boost for sure."

Elba's selection was revealed on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," with the actor appearing via satellite from London. Fallon had Elba perform poses to match the magazine's cover description of him as a "sweet, smoldering superstar." Elba said of his selection, "My mom is going to be very, very proud."

The actor also has starred in Marvel's "Thor" franchise and as Nelson Mandela in the film "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

Elba, 46, also performs on the side under the stage name DJ Big Driis and has his own clothing line. He is also planning a wedding with his fiancée, Sabrina Dhowre.

Elba told People about his upbringing as an only child of African immigrants growing up in East London. The actor said his parents were strict and he got picked on often while attending an all-boys school despite playing an array of sports including football, basketball, cricket, hockey and rugby.

"I was very tall and skinny," recalled Elba, who stands 6-foot-3. "And my name was Id-rissa Akuna Elba, OK? I got picked on a little bit. But again, as soon as I could grow a mustache, I was the coolest kid on the block. Grew a mustache, had some muscles, bunkers."

Past winners include Dwayne Johnson, David Beckham, Chris Hemsworth, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and last year's honoree, country star Blake Shelton.

From The Associated Press



TAYLOR JEWELL, INVISION/AP

Springsteen returns to role of headliner at vets fundraiser

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Bruce Springsteen teamed up with country star Eric Church on a version of "Working on the Highway" and Jon Stewart laced into President Donald Trump at a bawdy event Monday in New York that gathered comedians and musicians to help raise money for military veterans.

Springsteen, a vocal critic of several White House policies, avoided politics at the Stand Up for Heroes show, instead offering a few off-color jokes and four songs, including "Dancing in the Dark," "This Hard Land," and "If I Should Fall Behind" with his wife, Patti Scialfa.

The Boss was returning to the event now in its 12th year, having been the musical guest since the beginning. Last year, the Red Hot Chili Peppers took his spot as he worked on his one-man "Springsteen on Broadway."

Stand Up for Heroes is co-presented by the Bob Woodruff Foundation and the New York Comedy Festival. It kicks off the festival and raises money for the Woodruff foundation, which funds programs for injured veterans and their families. The foundation is named for the ABC news anchor injured in Iraq in 2006. It raised over \$5.4 million at the event, held at the 6,000-seat Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Stewart, also a veteran of the event,

opened his set ridiculing the notion that America faced a threat from thousands of Central American migrants traveling northward in a caravan. "I'm so scared," he said. "There's thousands of sharecroppers coming at America at 1 to 2 miles per hour. They'll be here by April."

Other comedians on the bill stayed away from politics, despite the event being held on the eve of divisive midterm elections. Last year's event was more political, with comics such as John Oliver and Trevor Noah attending.

This time, Jim Gaffigan poked fun at his ample girth and told a story about having his appendix removed in Alaska and then going for a hike when he and his family encountered a bear. "I looked at the tour guide. He said, 'Don't worry, I have bear spray.' I was like, 'Do you have anything stronger?'"

Seth Meyers returned to a very personal source of material, namely the birth of his children. For his first, his wife was in so much discomfort that she was on her hands and knees in the back of an Uber on their way to the hospital with her head out the window, screaming "I do not like this." Myers noted: "In New York City, nobody blinked an eye."

Church played three songs, including "Desperate Man," "Hippie Radio" and the unreleased "Still Standing Their Ground." He strapped on a guitar to join Springsteen on "Working on the Highway," from Spring-



BRAD BARNETT, INVISION/AP

Bruce Springsteen was forced to miss the Stand Up for Heroes benefit last year because he was performing his one-man "Springsteen on Broadway" show.

steen's 1984 album "Born in the U.S.A."

The audience cheered dozens of servicemen and servicewomen from Iraq and Afghanistan who were seated in the first few rows. "These wars are not over," Woodruff said. "There is still a need for our mission and there will be that need for years to come." He and his wife also urged everyone to vote on Tuesday.

Other news

■ Billboard has named award-winning singer Ariana Grande its 2018 Woman of the Year. Grande will receive the award at Billboard's 13th annual Women in Music event on Dec. 6 in New York City. In a statement Tuesday, Billboard vice president of content Ross Scarnano said Grande, 25, "consistently stands up for herself and her decisions in a world that often isn't hospitable to that sort of strength in young women." In the past year, Grande has had Top 40 hits including "No Tears Left to Cry," "Breathin'" and "God Is a Woman." She helped organize the One Love Manchester concert last year, raising more than \$23 million for victims of the Manchester bombing.

■ More than 46 years after it was shot, the Aretha Franklin concert film "Amazing Grace" is being released. The late singer's estate and film producers said Monday they have reached agreement on "Amazing Grace." Sydney Pollack shot most of the footage that documented Franklin's performance at a Los Angeles Baptist church in January 1972. The music was released as a landmark live album, but Pollack's footage proved impossible to edit at the time because he failed to sync the sound.

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OPINION

By LISA MONACO AND KEN WAINSTEIN

Special to The Washington Post

In the span of a week, our nation experienced a torrent of hate-fueled attacks: the slaying of two blacks in a Kentucky supermarket, the mail bomb assassination attempts and the mass slaying in a Pittsburgh synagogue. These attacks tragically demonstrate that domestic terrorism is on the rise as political polarization and hateful echo chambers on social media radicalize people.

As we mourn those who died in Kentucky and Pittsburgh, we should recognize that such tragedies highlight a dangerous counterterrorism gap that has developed over time: an insufficient focus by the federal government on the threat of domestic terrorism.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the government developed today's counterterrorism apparatus, which has largely been successful in preventing foreign terrorists from inflicting destruction on our homeland. But the threats we now face are more likely to come from individuals radicalized toward violence in the United States. As a result, in response to foreign terrorism, we need a strategic approach to this homeland security challenge.

To start, the White House should develop a coordinated interagency effort focused on domestic extremism. The first step is to restore the homeland security adviser position in the White House to its original stature. As designed in the wake of 9/11, that position was directly accountable to the president and was empowered to coordinate with Cabinet-level officials to meet all homeland security threats. The current homeland security adviser, Joseph R. P. Kearney, is a highly respected career Coast Guard professional but, unlike during previous

administrations, his position is buried on the organizational chart and lacks the authority to force the necessary coordination across counterterrorism agencies.

We served as homeland security advisers during the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations and were authorized to react to any crisis with a whole-of-government response. In addition to mobilizing and coordinating the response to crises and the threat of the day, it was our responsibility to anticipate and prepare the government for the threats of tomorrow. Over time, our jobs grew to encompass not only the terrorist threat, but also pandemics, natural disasters, cyberattacks and other evolving threats to the homeland.

This accretion of responsibility was a recognition that these threats are serious and that the national security adviser has a finite bandwidth, which is already fully occupied with other challenges. History teaches that ad hoc responses to specific crises will never fully address domestic threats, which require a long-term, sustained focus from the White House between the crises.

But installing the necessary coordination and leadership in the White House is not enough; the administration must also place the right focus on today's threats. It should begin by restoring vital funding to programs that combat violent extremism in all its forms — including far-right extremism. We need more — not less — focus on domestic radicalization, what causes it, and what law enforcement and our communities can do to identify and prevent it.

We must also acknowledge the role of technology in generating and exacerbating the domestic extremist threat. Social media hijacked social media platforms to radicalize people around the world, those with do-

mestic grievances are exploiting platforms to spread hate here at home. The federal government should be working closely with social media companies, which have made strides in taking down Islamist militant content on their platforms, and encourage them to do the same with domestic extremist content.

Finally, the administration should make sure the Justice Department's Domestic Terrorism Task Force, established after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and revitalized in 2014, has the resources it needs to coordinate the work of career investigators and prosecutors across the country. This task force has proven effective, sending the message that ideologically motivated violence will be met with swift justice.

In short, the administration should follow the lead of the British government, which recently designated far-right extremism as a major threat to national security and reorganized its counterterrorism operations to better meet that threat.

We make these suggestions, not to cast blame on the past but to assist in providing guidance for the future. We recognize that the only people responsible for violence in recent weeks are the perpetrators. Yet, it is fair to ask whether our government has sufficient focus and capacity to prevent the next attack. To the extent that our focus is lacking, it is fair to demand that those at the highest levels of the government do everything possible to build that capacity.

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Assange sunk his stock by sliding into dirty tricks

By VIRGINIA HEFFERNAN

Los Angeles Times

Not long ago, Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, was considered the lionhearted champion of civil liberties and government transparency.

In 2007, he helped expose human rights abuses at Guantanamo Bay. In 2009, Amnesty International gave Assange one of its Media Awards for exposing a police massacre in Kenya.

In 2010, he was Time magazine readers' choice for Person of the Year. In 2011, he won the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism. An article in Forbes in 2012 likened him to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and called his detractors "cowards." In 2013, he won the York Ono Lennon Courage Award for the Arts.

In fact, before Assange was known for his romance with the Kremlin, and his shady contacts with scummy Trumpites like Roger Stone and Donald Trump Jr., he was a punk idol, a hacker god. For years, he seemed like an opener of governments who could dissolve the Earth in the twinkling of his tech virtuosity and his eccentric radicalism.

But, like many online high-flyers of the aughts, Assange lacked a moral imagination equal to his skills as a technologist. Instead he soared — only — a Byronic hero: who could dissolve the Earth in — on that era's mandate: Do it for the lulz.

Over the past decade, the lulz — the laughs — have curdled.

When it synced with investigative journalism, exposing the Pentagon's sometimes grave misconduct in Afghanistan, Iraq and Cuba, that was one thing. But to hook up with Russian oligarchs and military intel-

ligence to embarrass an American political candidate on behalf of another — that's not lulz. That's deputizing yourself to an actual authoritarian regime, the kind that a hacker like Assange used to be committed to exposing.

It's not that Assange broke bad. It's that he was never doing any of this on principle. He was driven by snickers and spite.

The expose of Assange as washed up and sold out also spells the end of the old bacchanal on the internet, when its backflops and seedy speakies were a happy home for pranksters and poltergeists. These guys were young; they were heedless; and they mostly wanted to show they could pick any knot, pull down anyone's pants and make the girls cry. Whether they were villains or heroes only depended on who was doing the crying.

It's 2008, when Assange was the new toast of the left, he published an email obtained by a 4chan hacker from then-vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's personal Yahoo account. The hacker might as well have rummaged through Palin's fridge or sock drawer. The email was entirely forgettable — about Russia and leaked defense cables, Palin called it "an anti-American operative with blood on his hands."

But Palin's anger at Assange cooled in 2016 when WikiLeaks published what turned out to be Russian-hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee to the Obama campaign. It was the campaign chairman, Palin did a 180 and apologized to Assange. "Important information," she said in a blog post, "that finally opened people's eyes to democrat candidates and operatives" — was that Podesta's risotto recipe? — would not have been exposed were it not for Julian Assange. Assange used to say his caches of docu-

ments were just dry facts and evidentiary exhibits. Journalists and everyone else could make of them what they would.

It's not just dry facts when you cherry-pick from mostly banal documents — like the DNC, Palin and Podesta emails — for mass innuendo. Or when you time your revelations down to the minute for mass partisan impact. On Oct. 7, 2016, precisely one hour after Trump could be heard on an "Access Hollywood" tape announcing his policy of arbitrarily mauling women's crotches, WikiLeaks dropped the Russian-hacked Podesta and Trump buddy Roger Stone into taking them seriously. It was a signal example of the moral flexibility and bodhisattvaism that plagues us to this day.

And it's not just dry facts when you apparently collaborate in all this with intensely interested parties: a hostile foreign power, Russia, and Trump buddy Roger Stone, high priest of political dirty tricks.

Assange's hosts at the Ecuadoran Embassy in London have had enough of him. Last week, they laid down some house rules — mostly about unpaid bills, bathroom cleanliness and kitty litter management. Russia and Trump buddy Roger Stone, high priest of political dirty tricks, them to court for mistreating him.

Perhaps neither the pro-Russia, anti-centrist American left nor the pro-Russia, anti-centrist American right will stand by Assange much longer. Or will they?

It's always possible that Assange still could turn out to be a good guy, a romantic anarchist that he'll slip the knot of public condemnation once again. In topsy-turvy times, far left and far right seem to agree: Anyone who storms American institutions is a boon to either cause.

That sentence wouldn't have parsed to our grand olden days, but it sounds like nonsense from 4chan. But it's not.

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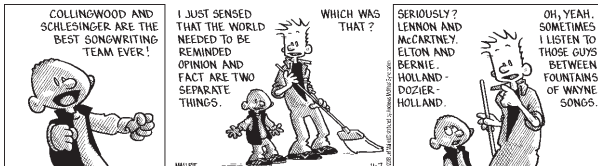
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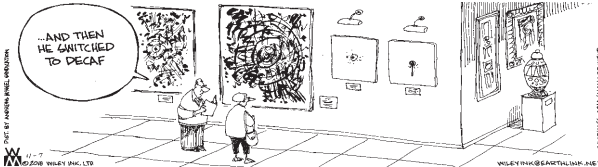
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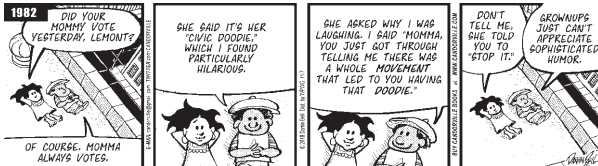
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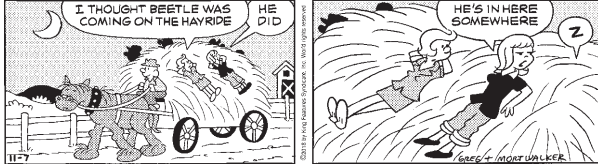
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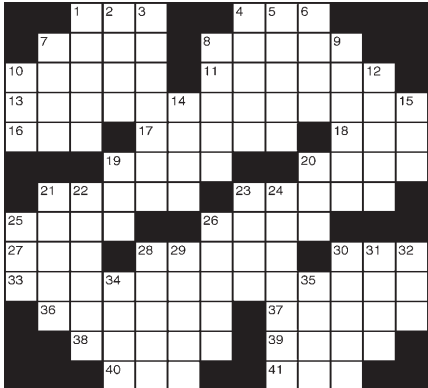
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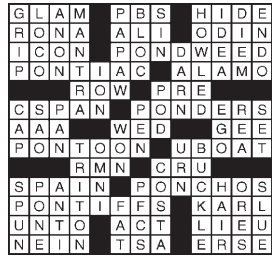
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAAs could feature plenty of new faces

By STEVE MEGARGE
Associated Press

The preseason rankings suggest next season's NCAA Tournament could feature plenty of new faces.

The AP Top 25 includes four teams that failed to reach last year's big dance: No. 14 Oregon, No. 18 Mississippi State, No. 23 LSU and No. 25 Washington. In last year's preseason Top 25, the only ranked team that wasn't coming off an NCAA Tournament berth was No. 25 Texas A&M.

All four of the ranked teams that missed out on NCAA Tournament invitations did play in the NIT. Mississippi State advanced as far as the NIT semifinals before losing to eventual champion Penn State.

"Just to know we made it that far in the NIT with everyone coming back, we know we should have a good run to make it to the NCAA Tournament this year," Mississippi State guard Quindary Waterspoon said.

Oregon reached the Final Four in 2017, and LSU last made the NCAA Tournament in 2015, but Mississippi State and Washington are trying to end longer droughts. Mississippi State hasn't earned a bid since 2009, and Washington is chasing its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2011.

"Last year we were teaching them how to win," Washington coach Mike Hopkins said. "This year, we're teaching them how to handle expectations. So it'll be a new learning curve, but the kids have worked really hard and playing well together."

Here's a look at some teams that have realistic preseason hopes of reaching the NCAA Tournament after failing to get there last year.

Indiana

2017-18 record: 16-15 (9-9 Big Ten)

Indiana has one of the nation's most touted freshmen in guard Romeo Langford, who was rated as the No. 7 prospect in his class according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports. Langford headlines a five-man freshman class. Indiana returns senior forward Juwan Morgan, who earned second-team all-Big Ten honors and averaged 16.5 points and 7.4 rebounds last season. Other Hoosiers who made at least 12 starts last season include De'Nort Davis, Devonte Green and Zach McRoberts. Indiana adds Saint Mary's graduate transfer Evan Fitzer.

No. 23 LSU

2017-18 record: 18-15 (8-10 Southeastern Conference, lost in second round NIT)

Tremont Waters is back for his sophomore season after averaging 15.9 points and 6 assists last season. He is joined in the backcourt by Skylar Mays, who had 11.3 points per game last season. LSU added a signing class that was ranked fourth in the nation according to the 247Sports Composite. LSU's freshman class includes three top-35 national recruits in forwards Naz Reid and Emmitt Williams plus guard JaVonte Smart.

Marquette

2017-18 record: 21-14 (9-9 Big East), NIT quarterfinalist

Marquette returns four starters from last year's team. That list includes Markus Howard, who scored 20.4 points per game last season and earned second-team all-Big East honors. Sam Hauser averaged 14.1 points and shot 48.7 percent from three-point range last season. Mar-



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quette's other returning starters are Sacar Anim and Matt Heldt. The Golden Eagles also add Fordham graduate transfer Joseph Chaurthy and Nebraska transfer Ed Morrow. Chaurthy averaged 3.34 steals to lead all Division I players last season.

No. 18 Mississippi St.

2017-18 record: 25-12 (9-9 SEC), NIT semifinalist

Mississippi State returns its top six scorers from last season and is ranked for the first time since February 2012. The Bulldogs' list of returners includes senior guard Quindary Waterspoon, who averaged 14.4 points last season and was a second-team all-SEC pick by the league's coaches. Other notable returners include Eric Holman (10.9 ppg last year), Nick Waterspoon (10.8), Lamar Peters (9.6), Tyson Carter (8.9) and Abdul Ado (7.8). The Bulldogs' freshman class is led by forward Reggie Perry.

No. 14 Oregon

2017-18 record: 23-13 (10-8 Pac-12), lost in

second round of NIT

Oregon is the Pac-12 media's pick to win the conference. Payton Pritchard returns after leading the Ducks in scoring (14.5) and assists (4.8) last season. Oregon also added the nation's No. 3 signing class according to the 247Sports Composite. The class is headlined by 7-foot-2 center Bol Bol, rated by the 247Sports Composite as the nation's No. 4 overall prospect in his class. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi graduate transfer Chab Ammin led all Division I players in steals (3.4) and averaged 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds in 2016-17 before missing last season due to a hip injury.

No. 25 Washington

2017-18 record: 21-13 (10-8 Pac-12), lost in second round of NIT

Washington returns all five starters and its top seven scorers from last season. The Huskies have four players who had double-figure scoring averages last season: Jaylen Nowell (16.0), Noah Dickerson (15.5), David Crisp (11.6) and Mattisse Thibault (11.2). Dickerson also had a team-leading 8.4 rebounds per game last season.

Several teams expecting help from key transfers

By STEVE MEGARGE
Associated Press

Acquiring a high-profile transfer isn't necessarily a prerequisite for every Final Four contender, but a look at the rosters of AP Top 25 teams sure makes it seem that way.

Four of the top five teams in the preseason poll are counting on contributions from at least one transfer. Reigning national champion Villanova also should get a boost from a transfer.

Perhaps the most notable example is No. 1 Kansas, which added Dedic Lawson and K.J. Lawson from Memphis and also brought in former California guard Charlie Moore. All three players sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Big 12 coaches have selected Dedic Lawson as the conference's preseason newcomer of the year.

The thing that separates him from many is his ability to see the game differently than the way most people see it," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "He doesn't see one pass ahead, he sees two. He is the best passer we've had since I've been the coach at Kansas."

No. 2 Kentucky has Stanford graduate transfer Joe Cremona. No. 3 Gonzaga has added Geno



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Villanova lost four players to the NBA Draft, but added some firepower by luring graduate transfer Joe Cremona from Albany.

Crandall from North Dakota and Brandon Clarke from San Jose State. No. 5 Virginia expects a boost from former Alabama guard Braxton Key. Villanova, ranked ninth, should get some instant offense from Albany graduate transfer Joe Cremona.

Here's a closer look at some transfers who figure to make a major impact on the 2018-19 college basketball season.

F Brandon Clarke and G Geno Crandall, Gonzaga

Height/Class: Clarke: 6-foot-8/Jr.

Crandall: 6-3/Sr.

Former schools: Clarke: San Jose State. **Crandall:** North Dakota.

Crandall is a graduate transfer who earned second-team all-Big Sky honors for North Dakota each of the last two seasons. Clarke joins Gonzaga's team this year after sitting out the 2017-18 season. Crandall averaged 15.5 points as a sophomore and 16.6 points as a junior. He also led the Big Sky in steals (2.1) and ranked seventh in assists (3.6) last season. Clarke averaged 17.3 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 2.3 assists to earn first-team all-Mountain West honors for San Jose State in 2016-17. Clarke had 18 points and 11 rebounds in just 16 minutes as Gonzaga defeated Central Washington in a preseason exhibition. Crandall had 8 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals in that game.

G Joe Cremona, Villanova

Height/Class: 6-4/Sr.

Former school: Albany
Villanova loses four NBA Draft picks from last season's national championship team but adds some firepower by luring this graduate transfer from Albany. Cremona scored 1,469 points in three seasons at Albany and was a first-team all-America East selection last year. He averaged 17.8 points and shot 45.8 percent from 3-point range (76 of 166) in his junior season to help Albany go 22-10. He averaged 15.8 points as a

sophomore.

G Mustapha Heron, St. John's

Height/Class: 6-5/Jr.

Former school: Auburn
Heron received an NCAA waiver enabling him to play for St. John's immediately rather than sitting out a year. He missed a preseason exhibition Thursday due to a concussion. Heron helped Auburn win a share of the Southeastern Conference regular-season title last year as he averaged 16.4 points and 5.3 rebounds while earning second-team Associated Press all-SEC honors. He ranked sixth in the SEC in scoring. Heron had 15.2 points and 6.1 rebounds per game as a freshman.

G Braxton Key, Virginia

Height/Class: 6-8/Jr.

Former school: Alabama
Key received a waiver from the NCAA that allows the Alabama transfer to play for Virginia immediately rather than sitting out a season. Key led Alabama with 12 points per game and also averaged 5.7 rebounds and 2.5 assists as a freshman in 2016-17 before his production dipped last year. Key had 7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.1 steals per game in 2017-18 after a knee injury caused him to miss the first 10 games of the season.

F Dedic Lawson, G K.J. Lawson and G Charlie Moore, Kansas

Height/Class: Dedic Lawson: 6-

9/Jr. K.J. Lawson: 6-8/Soph. Moore: 5-11/Soph.

Former school: Dedic and K.J. Lawson: Memphis. Moore: California.

The Lawson brothers and Moore will start playing for Kansas this year after sitting out the 2017-18 season. Dedic Lawson ranked second in the American Athletic Conference in scoring (19.2) and led the conference in rebounding (9.9) two seasons ago to earn first-team all-conference honors. He averaged 24.5 points and 10.5 rebounds for Kansas in two preseason exhibition games. K.J. Lawson ranked third in the American in rebounds (8.1) and also had 12.3 points per game for Memphis two seasons ago. Moore averaged 12.2 points and had a team-high 120 total assists his lone season at California.

F Reid Travis, Kentucky

Height/Class: 6-8/Sr.

Former school: Stanford
Travis was a first-team all-Pac-12 performer at Stanford each of the last two seasons. Travis ranked third in the Pac-12 in scoring (19.5) and rebounding (8.7) last season. He had 17.4 points and 8.9 rebounds per game two seasons ago. Travis averaged 10.9 points and 10.3 rebounds in Kentucky's four-game summer exhibition tour of the Bahamas.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue bloods still thriving at tip-off time

A guide to the season that might even top last year

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

The 2017-18 college basketball season had everything a fan could want. Standout performances, a No. 1 seed finally falling in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and Villanova cutting down the nets for the second time in three seasons.

Oh, and Sister Jean and Loyola-Chicago giving hope to underdogs everywhere by reaching the Final Four.

A new season started Tuesday, and it's been a long seven months to wait for a sport that seems to top itself every year.

To get you ready, we've got a guide on the top teams, players and other tidbits to look for in 2018-19.

Top teams

Kansas: Bill Self has another strong recruiting class, a pre-season All-American in Memphis transfer Dedric Lawson and a No. 1 ranking.

Kentucky: Coach Cal has another roster full of future pros. He's also got Reid Travis, a grad transfer from Stanford who happens to be one of the nation's top players.

Gonzaga: The Zags broke through to the Final Four two years ago. They could be even better this year.

Duke: Coach K outdid himself with this year's recruiting class with what could be three of the top five picks in the NBA Draft.

Virginia: OK, so that first-round NCAA Tournament loss to UMBC was ugly and history-making. But the Cavaliers have nearly everyone back and plenty of motivation.

Tennessee: The Vols have never been to the Final Four. They could change this season — they're that good.

Top players

Carsen Edwards, Purdue: He was super productive as a sophomore last season. Expect even more from him now that the Bol-

ermakers need him even more.

Luke Maye, North Carolina: The player who hit the shot to send the Tar Heels to the Final Four in 2017 averaged a double-double last season and will be counted on even more this year.

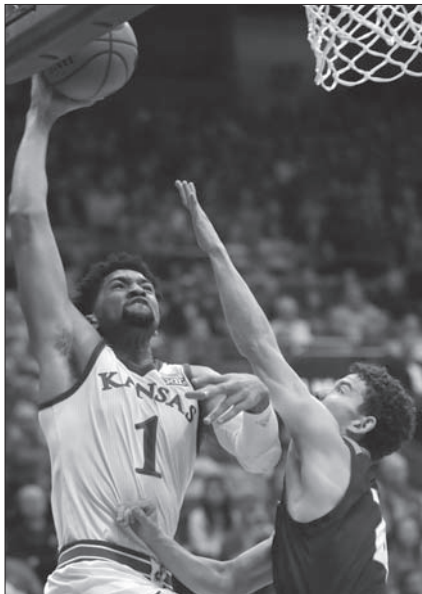
R.J. Barrett, Duke: The athletic freshman has yet to play a game but has already created a buzz and could be the No. 1 overall pick in next year's NBA Draft.

Dedric Lawson, Kansas: The former Memphis forward gives

the Jayhawks plenty of talent and experience on an otherwise young roster.

Ethan Happ, Wisconsin: The Badgers sure are glad this multi-talented big man decided to withdraw from the NBA Draft. Opponents will not be.

Caleb Martin, Nevada: The do-everything forward's decision to return with twin brother Cody is a big reason the Wolf Pack are being mentioned as a Final Four team.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Kansas forward Dedric Lawson, left, a transfer from Memphis and pre-season All-American, is one of the big reasons the Jayhawks are the No. 1 team in the country as the season gets underway.



AUSTIN ANTHONY, DAILY NEWS/AP

Western Kentucky freshman Charles Bassey, left, could dominate C-USA and makes the Hilltoppers one of the elite mid-majors.

Mid-major monsters

Nevada: The Muss bus is loaded with talent and is driving toward what could be the best season in program history.

Loyola-Chicago: No way the Ramblers and Sister Jean will be overlooked again.

Western Kentucky: Top recruit Charles Bassey will push the Hilltoppers up the big hill.

Buffalo: Bulls have five of their top six scorers back from a team that knocked off Arizona in the opening round of the NCAAAs.

Marshall: The Thundering Herd and coach Dan D'Antoni are looking for an even deeper March run after knocking off Wichita State in the opening round of the NCAAAs.

Freshmen phenoms

Zion Williamson, Duke: Basket supports beware: One of the nation's top freshmen is a known rim wrecker.

Cam Reddish, Duke: Doesn't get the pub Barrett and Williamson get, but he's a legit top-five NBA prospect.

Romeo Langford, Indiana: Locking up the state of Indiana's best player was a huge get for coach Archie Miller as he tries to get the Hoosiers back to national prominence.

Charles Bassey, Western Ken-

tucky: He eschewed the Power Five programs to stay in-state and could dominate Conference USA — and beyond.

Nassir Little, North Carolina: Long and athletic, he was a big get for coach Roy.

Bol Bol, Oregon: Manute's son can shoot inside, outside and swat shots, just like Pops.

Top nonconference games

No. 4 Duke vs. No. 2 Kentucky, Tuesday in Indianapolis: It will be a blue-blooded kickoff to the season.

No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 10 Michigan State, Tuesday in Indianapolis: The opening act in Indy isn't bad, either.

No. 19 Michigan at No. 9 Villanova, Nov. 14: Early season, title-game rematch? Yes, please.

Ohio State at Cincinnati, Wednesday: It finally happened, and hoops fans are the beneficiaries.

Marquette at Indiana, Nov. 14: Marquette's Markus Howard vs. Indiana freshman Romeo Langford is worth it right there.

Arizona vs. No. 3 Gonzaga, Maui Invitational: OK, both teams have to win their opening games, but we can dream of the West's two marquee programs meeting in Maui, can't we?



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NBA

Roundup

Harden scores 28, hits go-ahead three

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — James Harden produced his typical scoring flurry Monday night. His teammates delivered the knock-out blow with a staunch second-half defensive effort.

On a night the league's reigning MVP made a tiebreaking three-pointer with 36.1 seconds left and closed it out by making four straight free throws, Harden was thrilled to see the Houston Rockets rediscover their winning combination in a 98-94 victory at Indiana.

"We're doing a really good job of getting stops and making it hard for teams to score," he said. "I'm not worried about our offense. We're a really good offensive team. We're going to make shots. We need a pretty good defensive effort (each night)."

The message seems to have sunk in.

While Harden did his usual work with 28 points, six assists and five three-pointers, the improving defense and the healthier roster has helped last season's Western Conference runner-up push their way out of an early season corner.

Since starting 1-5, Houston has won three straight — all on the road, the last two without the benefit of starting 100 points.

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San George Ivaka, OG Anunoby and Fred VanVleet also scored 17 apiece as the Raptors had six players in double figures while winning their fourth straight.

Clippers 120, Timberwolves 109: Tobias Harris scored 22 points, Lou Williams added 20 points. Los Angeles dropped Minnesota to 0-6 on the road.



DARRIN CUMMINGS/AP

The Rockets' James Harden shoots for the Pacers' Victor Oladipo on Monday. Harden scored 28 points, including a tiebreaking three-pointer late in the fourth quarter.

The Timberwolves rallied in the fourth quarter when Jimmy Butler and Derrick Rose combined to score 22 of the team's 25 points. They twice got within one, but Los Angeles answered both times, with Williams' bucket and Montrezl Harrell making consecutive buckets for a 98-93 lead.

Thunder 122, Pelicans 116: Host Oklahoma City won its fifth straight game but lost star point guard Russell Westbrook to a sprained left ankle.

After coming down hard on the side of his friend, Westbrook pounded the ground in frustration before limping off the court.

Bulls 116, Knicks 115 (OT): Zach LaVine tried a career-high 41 points, including the game-winning free throw with 0.2 seconds left, as visiting Chicago beat New York in double overtime.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Philadelphia	6	5	.545	
Brooklyn	4	6	.400	5½
New York	3	8	.273	7
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	5	5	.500	
Miami	4	5	.444	½
Orlando	4	6	.400	1
Atlanta	3	6	.333	1½
Washington	2	7	.222	2½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	8	1	.889	
Indiana	7	4	.636	2
Detroit	4	5	.444	4
Chicago	3	8	.273	6
Cleveland	1	9	.100	7½

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	3	.667	—
Memphis	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Houston	4	5	.444	2
New Orleans	4	6	.400	2 1/2
Dallas	2	7	.222	4
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	9	1	.900	—
Portland	7	3	.700	2
Oklahoma City	5	4	.556	3 1/2
Utah	4	6	.400	5
Minnesota	7	4	.7	3 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	10	1	.909	—
A. Clippers	6	4	.600	3 1/2
Sacramento	6	4	.600	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	4	6	.400	5 1/2
Phoenix	2	7	.222	7
Sunday's games				

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 Milwaukee 108, New York Knicks 97
 Phoenix 122, San Antonio 110
 Washington 102, Memphis 100
 Portland 111, Minnesota 81
 Toronto 124, L.A. Lakers 115

Monday's games
 Houston 98, Indiana 94
 Miami 120, Detroit 111
 Orlando 102, Cleveland 100
 Chicago 115, New York 115
 Oklahoma City 122, New Orleans 116
 Denver 115, Boston 107

Tuesday's games
 Atlanta at Charlotte
 Washington at Dallas
 Atlanta at Phoenix
 Milwaukee at Portland
 Detroit at Orlando
 Oklahoma City at Cleveland
 Chicago at New York
 San Antonio at Miami
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Wednesday's games
 Milwaukee at Portland
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 Denver at Memphis
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 Toronto at Sacramento
 Minnesota at L.A. Lakers

Thursday's games
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Houston — 29 26 19 29-98
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Boyle got his natural hat trick on "Hockey Fights Cancer" night in Pittsburgh. It included two power-play goals and two redirections in front of the net.

The 33-year-old Boyle was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer at the beginning of training camp last season. He underwent treatment, returned to the lineup last November and won the NHL's Masterton Trophy, best exemplifying qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey.

Will Butcher had a goal and two assists for New Jersey, and Travis Zajac scored his fourth goal. The Devils stopped a three-game slide with their first road win.

Capitals 4, Oilers 2: Alex Ovechkin scored on the power play, backup goaltender Darcy Kuemper made 31 saves and host Washington ended its two-game losing streak by beating Edmonton.

The defending Stanley Cup champions came out flying two days after a mistake-filled overtime loss to Dallas. Jakub Vranek scored on his first turn with the fourth line after being demoted, and linemate Devante Smith-Pelly scored on the group's second shift a few minutes later as the Capitals jumped all over Cam Talbot and the Oilers.

Brins 2, Stars 1 (OT): Brad Marchand scored a power-play goal 4:29 into overtime, lifting host Boston over Dallas.

David Pastrnak also scored on the power play for Boston, which had lost two of three. Tuukka Rask made 24 saves.

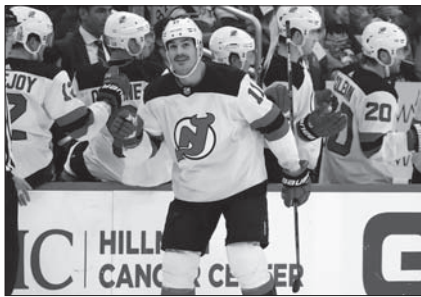
Radek Faksa had a short-handed goal for the Stars, who are 3-1-1 on a six-game trip. Former Bruins goaltender Anton Khudobin stopped 33 shots.

Canadiens 4, Islanders (SO): Joel Armia scored in the fifth round of the shootout to send Montreal to the road win over New York.

The Canadiens rallied from two goals down to win for the fifth time in the last six meetings with the Islanders.

Flyers 5, Coyotes 2: Claude Giroux had two goals and an assist, Calvin Pickard stopped 35 shots and visiting Philadelphia ended Arizona's five-game winning streak.

The Flyers jumped on the Coyotes early, going up 2-0 after first-period goals from Giroux and Shayne Gostisbehere. Sean Couturier also scored and Oskar Lindblom added an empty-net goal for Philadelphia, which completed its four-game trip 3-0-1.



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The New Jersey Devils' Brian Boyle returns to the bench after scoring his third goal of Monday's game against the Penguins on Monday in Pittsburgh. The Devils won 5-1.

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Montreal	14	8	3	2	2	18	45	40
Boston	14	8	4	2	0	18	39	31
Buffalo	14	7	2	2	2	16	43	44
Ottawa	14	5	6	3	1	13	45	59
Detroit	14	4	8	2	0	10	37	53
Florida	14	3	2	2	3	9	34	41

Metropolitan Division

N.Y. Islanders	14	9	3	0	1	18	45	34
Washington	13	6	4	3	0	15	49	45
Pittsburgh	14	6	3	1	2	15	46	45
Columbus	14	6	3	1	2	15	46	45
Philadelphia	15	7	7	1	0	15	48	51
Arizona	14	6	2	2	2	14	39	41
New Jersey	12	6	5	1	0	13	39	36
N.Y. Rangers	14	6	7	1	0	13	38	44

Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	14	11	3	0	0	22	47	30
Minnesota	14	10	3	0	1	21	47	30
Dallas	14	8	5	1	1	17	41	36
Winnipeg	14	8	5	1	1	17	41	36
San Jose	14	4	4	4	1	12	47	49
Chicago	15	6	6	3	0	15	46	56

Pacific Division

Calgary	15	9	6	0	0	19	52	50
Vancouver	15	9	6	0	0	18	47	50
Edmonton	14	8	4	3	1	17	46	43
San Jose	14	8	4	3	1	17	42	41
Anaheim	15	6	6	3	0	15	47	52
Arizona	13	6	2	0	4	14	29	49
Vegas	14	6	7	1	1	13	39	39

Notes: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss, three points for each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 1
Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Anahelm 3, Columbus 2, OT

Monday's games

New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 2, Dallas 1, OT
Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Washington 4, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 5, Arizona 2

Tuesday's games

Dallas 4, Columbus 3
Vegas at Tampa Bay
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers
Edmonton at Tampa Bay
Carolina at St. Louis
Minnesota at San Jose

Wednesday's games

Anahelm at Los Angeles
Nashville at Colorado
Calgary at Anaheim
Buffalo at Montreal

Thursday's games

Vancouver at Boston
Montreal at Florida
Arizona at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Montreal
Vegas at Ottawa

Friday's games

Edmonton at Tampa Bay
Carolina at Chicago
San Jose at Dallas
Minnesota at Los Angeles

Saturday

Brins 2, Stars 1 (OT)

Dallas 1, Boston 1

First Period—1, Dallas, Foksa 3:51 (sh); 2, Boston, Pastrnak 12 (DeBruin, Bergeron), 5:11 (pp).

Overtime—3, Boston, Marchand 5 (Krejci, Krug), 4:29 (pp).

Goals—Dallas 4, Bruins 4 4-9-10-2-25. Boston 13-8-11-3-35.

Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 1; Boston 2 of 2.

Goals—Dallas, Khudobin 2-1-1 (35 shots saved); Boston, Reak 4-0-2 (24).

A-17,565 (17,565). T-2:36.

Capitals 4, Oilers 2

Edmonton		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	4
First Period—1, Washington, Vrana 4 (Smith-Pelly, Boyd), 2:44, 2, Washington, Smith-Pelly 2 (Boyd), 5:44, 3, Edmonton, McDavid 10 (Klefbom, Nugent-Hopkins), 10:24 (pp).								
Second Period—4, Washington, Oshie 7 (Carlson, Backstrom), 8:11, 5, Edmonton, Drislahti 8 (Nugent-Hopkins, Larsson), 10:41, 6, Washington, Ovechkin 11 (Carlson, Kuznetsov), 13:09 (pp).								
Shots on Goal—Edmonton 12-10-11-33, Washington 11-10-2-23.								
Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 1 of 4; Washington 1 of 2.								
Goals—Edmonton, Talbot 5-5-1 (23 shots; 19 saves); Washington, Desharnais 2-0-2 (12-11), Murray 4-4-1 (27-23).								

A-18,506 (18,277). T-2:29.

Devils 5, Penguins 1

New Jersey		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	5
First Period—1, New Jersey, Butcher 1 (Dea, Anderson), 2:24, 2, Pittsburgh, Gleason 4 (Maatta, Guentert), 5:24, 3, New Jersey, Boyle 4 (Lowejoy, Dea), 12:27.								
Second Period—4, New Jersey, Boyle 5 (Palmieri, Butcher), 7:38 (pp), 5, New Jersey, Boyle 6 (Butcher, Hall), 19:40 (pp).								
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 14-13-12-39, Pittsburgh 11-14-11-36.								
Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 2 of 4; Pittsburgh 0 of 5.								
Goals—New Jersey, Kinkaid 6-4-1 (36 shots; 33 saves); Pittsburgh, Desharnais 2-0-2 (12-11), Murray 4-4-1 (27-23).								

A-18,420 (18,387). T-2:37.

Canadiens 4, Islanders 3 (SO)

Montreal		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	1
First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Cizikas 4 (Belich, Johnston), 4:04, 2, Montreal, Drouin 4 (Jusselin, Dombi), 5:59, 3, N.Y. Islanders, Filippula 5 (Komarov), 7:44, 4, N.Y. Islanders, Cizikas 5 (Luttrell), 14:58.								
Second Period—5, Montreal, Dombi 8 (Drouin, Armlia), 15:36 (pp).								
Third Period—6, Montreal, Lehoucq 2 (Gusler, Korkkanen), 7:43.								
Shootout—Montreal 1 (Tatar NG, Drouin NG, Dombi NG, Korkkanen NG, Armlia NG), N.Y. Islanders 0 (Berube NG, Nelson NG, Bailey NG, Barzal NG, Filippula NG).								
Shots on Goal—Montreal 8-15-10-35, N.Y. Islanders 8-6-7-3-24.								

Power-play opportunities—Montreal

1 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4.

Goals—Montreal, Niemelä 3-1-0 (24 shots; 31 saves); Islanders, Greis 4-2-1 (35-32).

A-9,402 (15,795). T-2:39.

Flyers 5, Coyotes 2

Philadelphia		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	2	1	2	5	0	4	1	2
First Period—1, Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Gostisbehere, Couturier), 12:34, 2, Philadelphia, Gostisbehere 2 (Giroux, Greis), 14:01, 19:10 (pp).								
Second Period—3, Arizona, Galchenyuk 2 (Keller, Ekman-Larsson), 1:14 (pp), 4, Philadelphia, Couturier 5 (17:05).								
Third Period—6, Arizona, Grabner 4 (Connaut, Pank), 14:04, 5, Philadelphia, Lindblom 4 (Patrick, Voracek), 18:11.								
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 8-11-15-34, Arizona 8-13-15-36.								
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 3; Arizona 1 of 4.								
Goals—Philadelphia, Pickard 3-1-1 (36 shots; 34 saves); Arizona, Kuemper 2-2-0 (33-29).								

A-13,719 (17,125). T-2:28.

Skidding Chicago
fires QuennevilleLongest-tenured coach in NHL
led Blackhawks to 3 Cup titles

By JAY COHEN

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Joel Quenneville knew the deal. After three Stanley Cup titles and nine playoff appearances with the Chicago Blackhawks, the longtime coach figured this was a big season for him.

Two months later, on the first day of training camp.

The Blackhawks fired Quenneville on Tuesday, ending a wildly successful run that returned the franchise to the top of the NHL after years of heartache.

"This is certainly a very difficult decision," general manager Stan Bowman said in a statement.

"But I believe it is in the best interests of the Blackhawks organization. We need to maximize each and every opportunity with our playoff goals in mind and create continued growth and development throughout our roster at the same time."

After much deliberation the last several days, with great respect to what Joel has meant to the Blackhawks, we knew we had to make a change."

Assistants Kevin Dineen and Ulf Samuelsson also were let go. Jeremy Colliton was hired as the 38th head coach in franchise history, and Barry Smith, 66, moved from Chicago's front office to the bench as an assistant coach.

Colliton moves from Chicago's American Hockey League affiliate in Rockford, Ill., and is now the NHL's youngest head coach at 33. Blackhawks forward Chris Kunitz, defenseman Duncan Keith and goaltenders Corey Crawford and Cam Ward are older than Colliton, and defenseman Brent Seabrook also is 33.

"All of those associated with Jeremy strongly believe he possesses many of the tools that will make him a successful head coach in this league," Bowman said. "He has been very impressive as a communicator, a leader, and coach. He knows the Blackhawks system, understands our players and our culture and we believe he gives us the best opportunity to have success and grow as a team."

The 60-year-old Quenneville had another year left on a three-year contract extension he signed in 2016 that pays him \$6 million per year, second highest in the NHL, behind Mike Babcock in Toronto.

He was the longest-tenured head coach in the NHL and the second coach fired in the past three days after the Los Angeles Kings dismissed John Stevens on Sunday.

Whenever Quenneville wants to get back to work, he likely will have plenty of suitors.

The former NHL defenseman has 890 wins in 22 years as a head coach with St. Louis, Colorado and Chicago. Scotty Bowman, Stan's father and a senior adviser with the Blackhawks, is the only man with more regular-season victories.

Quenneville took over Chicago four games into the 2008-09 season, replacing Denis Savard after the Hall of Famer was let go by former general manager Dale Tallon. What followed was an unprecedented run for one of the NHL's Original Six franchises.

Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Keith blossomed with Quenneville behind the bench, and the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in 2010, 2013 and 2015. They also made it to the conference finals in 2009 and 2014.

"His leadership during three Stanley Cup championships speaks for itself and there is no way to adequately express what he has meant to this organization," team president John McDonough said in a statement. "He will always be a significant member of the Blackhawks family."

The trouble for Quenneville began when Chicago was swept by Nashville in the first round of the 2017 playoffs after the Blackhawks finished with the best record in the Western Conference. Then they missed the playoffs entirely last season for the first time in a decade.

After getting off to a 6-2-2 start this year, Chicago has dropped five in a row heading into Thursday's home game against Carolina. The power play, a persistent problem, ranked 27th in the NHL heading into Tuesday. The Blackhawks also are allowing an average 3.73 goals per game.

Quenneville finishes with a 452-249-96 record with Chicago. He also went 76-52 in the playoffs with the Blackhawks for the best record in franchise history.

The dismissal turns up the pressure on Bowman, who has made a couple of questionable moves that helped hasten the Blackhawks' decline. He traded Artemi Panarin to Columbus and Teuvo Teravainen to Carolina in part because of salary-cap issues, and each player has put up big numbers with his new club.

NFL

Injuries sideline stars at halfway point

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rookie head coach Mike Vrabel has no time to imagine how much better his struggling Tennessee offense might be if only three-time Pro Bowl tight end Delanie Walker hadn't broken his ankle in the Titans' season opener.

Next man up is a necessity as much as a cliché in the NFL.

"You have to adjust," Vrabel said of losing the tight end with the most receptions in the NFL between 2013 and 2017. "I think the one thing about winners is that they're flexible and they're able to adapt, among other things. We have to continue to move forward with the guys that we have."

Marcus Mariota lost his favorite target, and the Titans are scraping along with the league's 30th best passing offense after winning a playoff game last January.

"It's asked a lot of the young guys to step up," Mariota said.

Halfway through the NFL season, lots of stars, starters and key role players are sidelined by injuries with nobody topping the emotional departure of Seattle safety Earl Thomas after breaking his leg the same day Cincinnati tight end Tyler Eifert had his own gruesome leg injury. It's making a big impact on the standings.

On the rise: Jimmy Garoppolo picked up an extra yard Sept. 23, cost San Francisco its quarterback, Jimmy Garoppolo, for the rest of this season with a torn left ACL when his leg buckled in the fourth quarter of a loss to Kansas City. That left the 49ers only three 2018 games with the man they signed to a \$13.75 million, five-year contract after watching Garoppolo win five straight to wrap up last season.

Garoppolo's injury came three



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is carted off the field after tearing his left ACL during a game against Chiefs on Sept. 23 in Kansas City, Mo. Garoppolo was lost for the season.

weeks after 49ers running back Jerick McKinnon tore his own ACL for a team that had all five offensive linemen hurt knees in a game. Now San Francisco's playoff drought is assured of reaching a fifth straight season with the painful lesson for Garoppolo that a team needs its quarterback to be available.

"That's something that Jimmy will probably look at differently going forward because now he'll remember this the rest of his life," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "Nothing against him. This happens with everyone. You see it every Sunday. It's a reminder for everyone why it's an obvious coaching point."

So Many ACLs: When Texans receiver Will Fuller tore his ACL, he joined a list that includes Jaguars receiver Marquise Lee, who didn't even make it to the regular season; Eagles running back Jay Ajayi; and Miami defensive end William Hayes, who tore his trying to avoid a roughing-the-passer penalty. Unfortunately, Hayes'

foot caught in the ground as he tried to keep his weight off Derek Carr during a sack.

Missing on defense: Derek Barnett recovered Tom Brady's fumble to clinch the Eagles' Super Bowl victory in February, but season-ending shoulder surgery has sidelined Philadelphia's young defensive star. Green Bay lost defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson to an ankle injury.

Waiting for Bosa: Defensive end Joey Bosa has not played a snap this season for the Chargers because of a bone bruise in his left foot, an injury that happened Aug. 7 during training camp. Bosa, the 2016 Defensive Rookie of the Year, tried to get back for the regular season, then reinjured his foot Sept. 5 and has been sidelined since.

The Chargers hoped he might be back after their bye, but Bosa says he's still facing a week-to-week situation, while people keep asking him when he'll be ready. Being 6-2 has allowed the Chargers to stay patient and avoid rushing him back again after what happened in September.

"The second my foot is ready to practice on a Wednesday I will play that week," Bosa said.

Another Tannehill injury: Ryan Tannehill has missed four straight games with an injured shoulder, the latest problem for the Miami quarterback who missed all of the 2017 season after tearing an ACL in training camp. That was the same knee that kept him out of the final four games of 2016. Tannehill hurt his throwing shoulder in Week 5 and is trying to work his way back to the field. Luckily for the Dolphins, Brock Osweiler is 2-2 as a fill-in—even with starting left guard Josh Sitton and center Daniel Kilgore both out for the season.

Rip: Hunter quickly working his way up Minnesota's all-time sacks list

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scheme. They saw a note-taking and self-motivated player who they wouldn't have to worry about doing his part.

Six months shy of his 21st birthday when he was drafted, Hunter had plenty of time to grow. In 2016, he led all defensive ends in the NFL with 12½ sacks and finished third overall.

Last season, he overtook Brian Robison as the full-time starter opposite Everson Griffen. He signed a five-year contract extension this summer worth as much as \$72 million with \$40 million in guaranteed money and \$15 million up front.

With 37 sacks in 55 games, Hunter has climbed the all-time Vikings lists. With just three more sacks in Minnesota's last seven games, he'll have the second-most in a player's first four seasons with the team behind Jared Allen.

Hunter is tied with Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald for the league lead with 13 tackles for loss and tied for eighth in the NFL with 15 quarterback hits. He had at least one sack in each of the five games Griffen missed earlier.

"It's not me alone. I've got good team-

mates, a good defensive line again," Hunter said after the Vikings sacked Stafford a franchise-record 10 times. "We go out there, and we work together as a team."

The Vikings (5-3-1) eagerly entered their bye week with their well-decorated defense back on track following a couple of uncharacteristically soft performances over the first half of the schedule.

"We had things that we had to fix. We just learned from what we had done, and then we went out there and just went to execute them," Hunter said. "Just doing our jobs. Not trying to do selfish things out there."

That's the foundation of Zimmer's system, a disciplined approach to honoring the run, staying in the right pass-rush lanes and trusting nearby teammates to handle their responsibilities. This four-down-linemen scheme, though predicated on an ability to pressure the quarterback from all points, is not designed to produce high individual sack totals. Every once in a while, though, an in-the-zone performance such as the one Hunter had on Sunday comes around.

"Sometimes you go out there," Hunter said, "you just know you're about to beat this guy."



BRUCE KLICKHOFF/AP

Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen, left, celebrates with teammate Danielle Hunter after sacking Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford during the second half of Sunday's game in Minneapolis. The Vikings sacked Stafford 10 times.

NFL

Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.788	270	202
Miami	5	4	0	.556	187	225
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	196	213
Buffalo	2	7	0	.222	96	241
South						
Houston	6	3	0	.667	216	184
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	134	141
Jacksonville	3	5	0	.375	134	170
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	231	213
North						
Pittsburgh	5	2	1	.688	227	188
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	221	237
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	213	160
Cleveland	2	6	1	.278	190	247
West						
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	327	226
L.A. Chargers	6	2	0	.750	220	180
Denver	6	2	0	.750	206	213
Oakland	1	7	0	.125	141	252

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	5	3	0	.625	160	172
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	178	156
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	154	151
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0	.125	150	205
South						
New Orleans	7	0	0	.875	273	218
Carolina	6	2	0	.750	220	180
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	228	226
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	229	275
North						
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	235	153
Minnesota	5	3	1	.611	221	204
Green Bay	3	4	1	.438	192	204
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	180	210
West						
L.A. Rams	8	1	0	.889	299	200
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	188	156
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	110	199
San Francisco	2	7	0	.222	207	239

Thursday's games

Sunday's games

Minnesota 24, Detroit 9
Miami 13, N.Y. Jets 6
Atlanta 38, Washington 14
Kansas City 37, Cleveland 21
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 16
Chicago 41, Buffalo 9
Carolina 42, Tampa Bay 28
Houston 19, Denver 17
L.A. Chargers 25, Seattle 17
New Orleans 45, L.A. Rams 35
New England 31, Green Bay 17

Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati

Monday's games

Tennessee 28, Dallas 14

Thursday, Nov. 8

Carolina at Pittsburgh

Sunday, Nov. 11

Arizona at Kansas City

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets

Detroit at Chicago

Jacksonville at Indianapolis

Washington at Tampa Bay

New Orleans at Cincinnati

New England at Tennessee

Atlanta at Cleveland

L.A. Chargers at Oakland

Miami at Green Bay

Seattle at L.A. Rams

Dallas at Philadelphia

Open: Minnesota, Denver, Baltimore

Houston

Monday, Nov. 12

N.Y. Giants at San Francisco

Monday

Titans 28, Cowboys 14

Tennessee	0	14	7	0-14
Dallas	7	7	0	0-14
First quarter				
Dal—Cooper 4 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 6:12				
Second quarter				
Ten—Henry 1 run (Succop kick), 9:25				
Dal—O'Leary 19 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 4:11				
Ten—Maher 23 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 3:39				
Third quarter				
Ten—Jo-Smith 7 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 5:44				
Fourth quarter				
Ten—Mariota 9 run (Succop kick), 4:01				
A—90-466.				

First downs	24	18
Total Net Yards	340	297
Rushes-Yards	36-225	19-72
Passing	211	115
Punt Returns	11	17
Kickoff Returns	1-23	1-23
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp.-Att.-Int.	21-29-1	21-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	5-18
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-467
Time of Possession	34:26	25:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tennessee, D.Lewis 19-62, Mariota 10-32, Henry 6-27, Davis 1-4. **Dallas,** Elliott 17-61, Prescott 2-11.

PASSING—Tennessee, Mariota 21-29-0-240. **Dallas,** Prescott 21-31-1-243. Beasley 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Tennessee, Davis 6-56, D.Lewis 4-60, Jo-Smith 2-33, Taylor 2-24, Batson 2-21, Henry 2-5, Jennings 1-36, Chandler 1-5, Sharpe 1-0. **Dallas,** Cooper 5-58, Elliott 4-51, Gallup 3-51, Beasley 3-16, DeThompson 2-21, Jarwin 2-15, Hurns 1-23, R.Smith 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tennessee Succop 28. **Dallas,** Maher 38.



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota, left, runs for a touchdown as Cowboys defensive end Demarcus Lawrence makes a diving attempt to tackle him during the fourth quarter on Monday's game in Dallas. Tennessee won 28-14.

End-zone interception turns tide

Mariota recovers from early fumbles, leads Titans past Cowboys

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kevin Byard secured the interception that sparked the sluggish Tennessee Titans and turned toward midfield.

The flashback for the Dallas Cowboys was just as disheartening as the original. ByardmimickedTerrellOwens' mocking celebration on the star logo at the 50-yard line from 18 years ago, Marcus Mariota accounted for three touchdowns and the Titans spoiled Amari Cooper's Dallas debut with a 28-14 victory on Monday night.

The end-zone pick of Dak Prescott came after Mariota fumbled on the first two Tennessee possessions. Just as T.O. did at old Texas Stadium 18 years ago, Byard ran to midfield, under the huge videoboard at spacious AT&T Stadium, and spread his arms.

Owens did it twice in a blow-out San Francisco win over a bad Dallas team that time. This win by the Titans (4-4) ended their three-game losing streak while handing the Cowboys (3-5) their first loss in four home games and making their road to the playoffs a difficult one.

"It was huge," Mariota said by Byard, while adding that he didn't see the celebration. "The defense has done an unbelievable job throughout the year in building

us up. They found ways to give us plays, to get turnovers."

The Cowboys looked like the team headed for a blowout win, but led just 7-0 after Mariota's early misuses because of Brett Maher's missed 38-yard field goal on the opening possession and Prescott's ill-advised throw into double coverage.

"That was the difference. Simple as that," said Prescott, who lost a fumble at his 40-yard line to set up Tennessee's tiebreaking score in the third quarter. "Defense gives a turnover there. We're up seven points and I go down there and try to force the ball and give it right back to them."

Cooper scored the first Dallas touchdown after DeMarcus Lawrence stripped the ball from Mariota. The two-time Pro Bowl receiver finished with five catches for 58 yards after coming over from Oakland in a trade for a first-round pick during the open week.

Given another chance when what would have been a third straight fumble to start the game was overturned by a review that showed Luke Stocker didn't have the ball long enough on a catch, Mariota led an 80-yard drive capped by Derrick Henry's 1-yard plunge for a 7-7 tie.

Mariota converted two third-and-9s with passes and a shorter third down with a run on a short TD drive, setting the stage for the

Titans to convert 11 of 14 third downs.

The Cowboys fell flat in 15-year tight end Jason Witten's first trip home since retiring to become lead analyst for "Monday Night Football."

Dallas had just 108 yards in the second half — the bulk of those on a desperation drive down two scores late — and was booed several times at the end of failed drives.

After getting sacked on third down with nobody realizing Tennessee had called timeout in a 7-7 game in the second quarter, Mariota completed a 36-yarder to Darius Jennings before a screen pass to Dion Lewis went 18 yards for a touchdown.

Mariota broke a 14-14 tie in the third quarter when he pulled the ball out of Lewis' gut at the last second and delivered a 7-yard shovel pass to Jonnu Smith to put the Titans ahead for good. Mariota's 9-yard scoring run all but sealed things with 4:38 to go.

Mariota was 21-for-29 for 240 yards without an interception and had 32 yards rushing. Lewis had 62 yards rushing and 60 receiving coming off a career-high 155 scrimmage yards in his last game.

Star Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott finished with 61 yards after a hot start. Prescott was 21-for-31 for 243 yards and two scores — 4 yards to Cooper and

23 yards to Allen Hurns. The two turnovers were Prescott's first at home this season.

T.O. flashback

There was something else familiar about Byard's celebration: a Dallas defender trying to do something about it.

George Teague famously knocked Owens off the star back then, and Cowboys cornerback Byron Jones made a similar move on Byard and the group that joined the celebration. Owens seemed to get a kick out of the whole thing on Twitter.

"I was actually expecting somebody to knock my head off," said Byard, who thought about the possible celebration at the team hotel. "I was like, 'If we get to the 50, if we get enough guys to the 50, we are just going to start dancing on the star.'"

Written tribute

The Cowboys paid tribute to Witten with a pregame video on the giant board hanging over the field. The franchise leader in games, catches and yards receiving wiped his eyes when a small inset of him was shown during the video, but seemed to have gained his composure when he was shown on the full screen. Witten waved, smiled and tapped his chest around his heart several times as the crowd roared.

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LETTING IT RIP

Sack leader Hunter hitting his stride

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

The physical attributes Danielle Hunter has used to amass his league-leading total of 11½ sacks this season are so ideal that some of his Minnesota Vikings teammates have taken to calling him "Create-A-Player," the feature on Madden NFL that allows gamers to concoct the seemingly perfect computerized prospect.

Hunter's 6-foot-5, 252-pound, muscle-bound frame and 4.57-second 40-yard dash time that led all defensive linemen at the combine in his draft year would already be a handful for opposing offenses, but the strides he's made over four seasons on the mental side of the game have helped turn him into one of the league's best defensive ends with just one week elapsed past his 24th birthday.

Matthew Stafford was the latest quarterback with a too-close look at Hunter's dominance, when his 3½ sacks and fumble return for a

EAGAN, Minn.

'The thing I notice about Danielle, he just lets it rip now, and that's what makes him good.'

Mike Zimmer
Vikings coach

touchdown fueled a 24-9 victory for the Vikings on Sunday over the Detroit Lions.

"He's improved on just being reactive," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "A lot of young defensive linemen, especially because we harp on stopping the run, they're nervous about, 'Hey, I'm going to take a chance here, because I think this is a play-action pass' or something like that. The thing I notice about Danielle, he just lets it rip now, and that's what makes him good."

The Jamaica-born Hunter, who settled in the Houston area with his family at age 8, was drafted by the Vikings in the third round out of LSU in 2015 after he ended an unheralded college career by skipping his final season of eligibility.

His length, speed and strength made him an obvious pro prospect, but there were league-wide concerns about his technique inconsistencies and tendency to let overthinking slow down his production. He had only 4½ sacks over three years with the Tigers.

The Vikings, though, relied on analytics to peg Hunter as a potential star with the right coaching and

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Minnesota Vikings defensive end Danielle Hunter leads the league in sacks with 11½. The Jamaica-born player went pro after accumulating just 4½ sacks in three seasons at LSU.

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